

Final BULLETINS

Warn French People Of Nazi Saboteurs

LONDON (CP-Reuters)—The French radio tonight broadcast a warning to the people of France to be on the lookout for groups of Germans wearing British and U.S. uniforms who had infiltrated through the Allied lines.

The warning said the Germans are provided with identity documents and have "American and English vehicles bearing American and English markings."

"The task of these groups is the sabotage and destruction of vital war installations," the radio added.

Typhus Epidemic

LONDON (AP)—Underground sources in German-occupied Holland have informed the Netherlands government here that a typhus epidemic has broken out in Amsterdam and is spreading rapidly, the official Netherlands news agency said today.

'Lankies' Plaster Nazi Supply Town

LONDON (AP)—R.A.F. Lancasters hammered the German west front garrison and railway town of Trier today.

Trier, 26 miles northeast of Luxembourg city is a main supply point supporting the German winter counteroffensive. U.S. 9th Air Force fighters escorted the Lancasters, which returned safely.

\$75,000 Blaze

KENORA, Ont. (CP)—Damage estimated at \$75,000 was caused by fire which swept through three business blocks here today. No lives were lost. Police are investigating.

\$3,000 Fine Cut

TORONTO (CP)—Judge James Parker in police appeal court here today reduced to \$500 a \$3,000 fine imposed on the Beaver Specialty Ltd. for violating Prices Board regulations by selling popcorn at a price above the ceiling.

British Bombers Hit Baltic Area

LONDON (CP-Reuters)—The German D.N.B. agency reported tonight that "British bomber formations escorted by fighters this evening penetrated into the Baltic area."

Famed Jockey Hurt

MIAMI, Fla. (AP)—Veteran jockey John (Red) Pollard, 33, Seabiscuit's rider, was injured this afternoon in a three-horse spill during the first race at Gulfstream Park. Hospital attendants said he had a brain concussion.

Pollard's mount, Good Ante, appeared to stumble while racing in the first turn in a closely-bunched field of 11 platers. Count Natural fell over Good Ante, as did Yarn Spinner.

Workers Ask Raise

VANCOUVER (CP)—Civic employees' Federation, has asked Mayor J. W. Cornett for a meeting of the civic council to consider a request for an upward wage scale revision and three weeks' holiday with pay for all employees with more than five years' service.

U.S. Keeps Bars Up

VANCOUVER (CP)—Vancouver women anxious to go to new jobs in the U.S. as a result of relaxation by Selective Service in the issuance of labor exit permits are having no luck at getting past U.S. immigration officials, it was learned today.

Canadian labor exit permits are being issued to 10 women every day, but not even 10 percent of these applicants are being admitted to the U.S. according to Thomas Hughes, U.S. consul general in Vancouver.

Germans Report New Soviet Drive

LONDON (AP)—The Berlin radio reported late today that the Russians have launched their long-expected offensive between Balaton Lake and the Danube, in Hungary.

The broadcast declared that 10 Russian rifle divisions were thrown into the attack, and that the Germans had launched a strong counterattack with tanks and artillery "which forced the Russians to regroup."

Such a drive apparently would be aimed at completing encirclement of Budapest by thrusting up west of the city.

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Weather Forecast

Victoria and Vicinity—Light to moderate winds, partly cloudy and mild today and Friday. Wednesday's temperatures—Min. 36; Max. 48. Sunshine: 7 hours 36 minutes. Temperature noon Thursday, 43. Victoria has over 600 hours more sunshine a year than other coast cities, less than half the rainfall.

PRICE FIVE CENTS

Northward Nazi Push Stopped Cold

Churchill, Eden Ask Greek King Stay in London

LONDON (CP)—A member of the House of Commons unsuccessfully sought assurance today that the British government would ask King George II of Greece, who now is in London, to remain here until the Greek people decide whether they want him back.

Tom Driberg, Independent, asked Prime Minister Churchill whether he would invite the King "to state publicly that he has no intention of returning to Greece until after the question of the monarchy has been settled by a free plebiscite of the Greek people, and that he is willing, meanwhile, that a Regent acceptable to all parties should be appointed."

Answering for the government, Deputy Prime Minister Attlee said he had nothing to add to the statement made Wednesday by Foreign Secretary Eden.

REGENCY ADVOCATED

Mr. Eden had said the Greek King was remaining in London on the advice of Mr. Churchill and himself. He revealed also that the British government had taken the lead in advocating a regency.

Mr. Driberg argued today there was danger that a plebiscite "might be prejudiced" by the premature return of the King.

This drew from Sir John Wardlaw-Milne, Conservative, the report that such a request from the British government "would be a most unwarranted interference with affairs of the Greek people."

"We have interfered more than that," broke in Emmanuel Shitwell, Labor.

Shouts of protest arose when Edith Summerskill, Labor, inquired: "Is it proposed that the wishes of one man—the King of Greece—shall be allowed to stand in the way of a settlement?"

George Strauss, Labor, broke in to ask: "Is this not the time when the British government could interfere with very great benefit in the Greek situation?"

Despite the new outburst, Mr. Attlee declined amplification, saying there had been "considerable opportunity for discussing these matters yesterday."

British Tanks Assault E.L.A.S.

ATHENS (AP)—British forces opened a tank assault against E.L.A.S. concentrations today after expiration of an ultimatum from Lt. Gen. R. M. Scobie that the insurgents stop fighting.

Rocket-firing fighter planes joined in the attack.

Sherman tanks climbed mountain-topped Likabettus Mountain and sent 75-mm. shells crashing into E.L.A.S. positions around the Averoff Prison and the Military Academy.

Gen. Scobie's ultimatum, which expired at 9 a.m., had warned that any E.L.A.S. forces—the militia of the leftist E.A.M., or National Liberation Front—continuing to hold out would be attacked "with all the arms at my disposal."

At Omonia Square, tank-supported parachute troop patrols made a series of sorties, demolishing a sniper's nest and taking numerous prisoners.

A routine communique issued by Gen. Scobie at noon said further prisoners and weapons had been captured and that progress had been made in clearing the E.L.A.S. troops from Athens and Piraeus.

Vancouver Wants More Policemen

VANCOUVER (CP)—Chief Constable Donald MacKay has placed an order with Selective Service for an unspecified number of reinforcements for the Vancouver city police force. Selective Service officials disclosed today.

Men up to 50 years of age are required for temporary duty; men between 22 and 28 are needed for permanent posts on the force.



Sailors Off for Home for Christmas

Happy ratings off a Canadian warship on a jetty at Esquimalt ready to leave for their homes in various parts of Canada to spend Christmas. Most of them are starting their annual leave after long months at sea, during which they spent their last Christmas aboard ship. Those of the crew who are not due for their annual leave will get the special 5-day holiday leave, either at Christmas or New Year's.

Leyte Japs Flee, Lose Supplies; 8 Ships Aground Round Vancouver

By Associated Press

Superforts bombed Mukden, Manchuria, today in the fourth successive day of mass B-29 raids on scattered Japanese industries as U.S. infantrymen shattered the last vestiges of the Yamashita defence line and drove surviving enemy soldiers into the hills of western Leyte Island in the Philippines.

Sweeping advances by two U.S. divisions on Leyte cut off the Japanese escape highway, captured huge stores of supplies that would have lasted the enemy for six months, and ran the total of Nipponese soldiers known to have been killed on the island to 43,096.

Scattered elements of Japanese, no longer able to put up an organized defence, are fleeing toward the northwest coast, Gen. Douglas MacArthur reported.

"The battle is rapidly drawing to an end," MacArthur said. Today's daylight air raid on Mukden, centre of Japan's Manchurian arsenal, was made by a "substantial force" of China-based B-29s, the War Department announced. Washington dispatches estimated as many as 60 Superforts may have been in the formations.

The Japanese controlled Hsinking radio said approximately 30 planes struck in waves for 50 minutes at both Mukden and Dairen, "blindly bombing from a high altitude." The broadcast claimed four attackers were shot down.

The Manchurian raid came on the heels of a Chungking radio warning that a great U.S. aerial offensive would be launched against Japan and her continental industries and military installations.

OBSERVATION RAID

Tokyo radio reported two pairs of Superforts flew over Aichi and Shizuoka prefectures, southwest of Tokyo on the main island of Japan, Wednesday night and early today. The broadcast said bombs were dropped only on the second foray, apparently made to observe weather conditions.

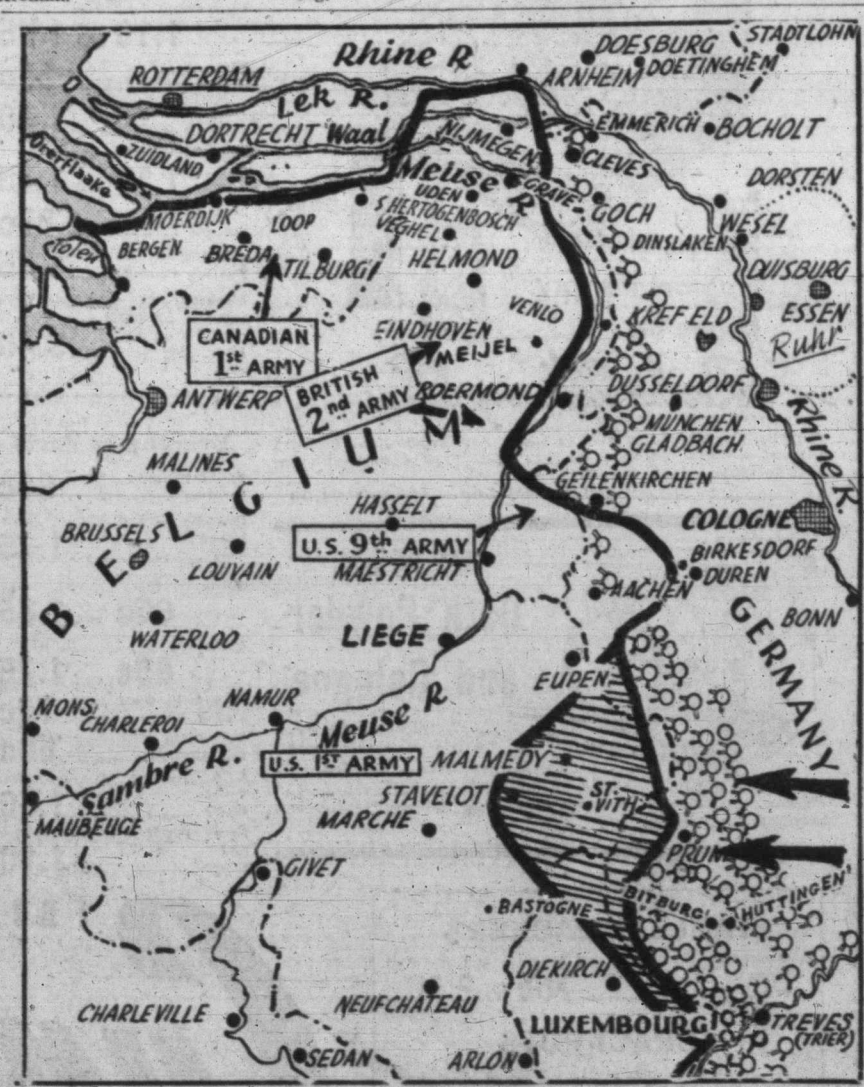
Laborers, clearing the way for renewed Salpan-based Superfort raids on Tokyo, bombed Japanese fields on Iwo Jima for the twelfth consecutive day and pockmarked the airfield on Marcus Island. Raiders from Iwo and Marcus have been harassing the Superfort bases in the Marianas Islands.

A patrol plane damaged a 6,000-ton freighter-transport in a convoy 300 miles west of Manila in what may have been an opening aerial blow by Philippines-based planes against Nippon's lifeline through the South China Sea.

Stalin, 65 Today

MOSCOW (AP)—Premier Joseph Stalin celebrated his 65th birthday today with a complete absence of official fanfare. Although the Soviet Union took no formal notice of the occasion, telegrams from all over the country, as well as from many of the world's capitals, poured into the Kremlin.

Two tug boats were ashore at Bayne Sound, where they ran aground during impenetrable fog.



FLUID FRONT LINE—Map shows approximate location and extent of fierce German counteroffensive in Luxembourg and Belgium. Late reports indicate Nazi penetration at one time went 14 miles beyond Stavelot and Malmédy. An attempted push northwards has been stopped.

French Leader Says Postwar Guard On Rhine Planned

PARIS (AP)—France intends to mount guard on the Rhine after the war to keep the German hands, and intends to help Poland expand westward in Silesia and East Prussia, Foreign Minister Georges Bidault told the Consultative Assembly today as debate opened on the new French-Soviet Alliance.

The minister, who signed the pact for France, asserted the accord would be a means of mutual defence, and added the Russians and French had agreed to territorial revisions in both the east and the west.

Reinforced U.S. 1st Army Mauls Big Tank Units

By JAMES M. LONG

PARIS (AP)—Field Marshal von Rundstedt's armor and infantry had driven 35 miles westward into Belgium to a point about 14 miles south of the fortress of Liege up to noon Tuesday, it was disclosed at Supreme Allied Headquarters today.

But veteran U.S. 1st Army formations, rushed up to the northern flank of the deep German salient, stopped the Germans cold today in their effort to push northward, and badly mauled large tank units in a heavy engagement.

Other U.S. forces, hurried into action along the German north flank at Mönchengladbach, chopped nine miles into the base of the German salient.

The deepest German thrust was 14 miles west of Malmédy, where tank columns cut the Liege-Bastogne-Arlon road and reached the village of Hoyerfont.

Von Rundstedt's massive winter rush across Allied lines of communication had developed into two deep wedges as massive formations of from five to six armored divisions and eight to nine infantry divisions poured into a wide breach under the concealment of fog and cloud.

Wedge 3/4 of Way Into Luxembourg

The second deep wedge had penetrated three-fourths of the way across Luxembourg. This drive farther south appeared directed toward Sedan, scene of the 1940 breakthrough.

This drive carried 14 miles from the frontier of Vlieland to just east of Wiltz, 10 miles east of Bastogne and 48 miles northeast of Sedan. Wiltz is 28 miles north of the city of Luxembourg. A parallel German column was in the vicinity of Clervaux, seven miles northeast of Wiltz.

These were the positions at noon Tuesday.

Supreme headquarters still did not permit up-to-the-hour pinpointing of German positions, and field dispatches quoted "good authority" on the 1st Army front as saying the German drive was not likely to be checked this week, although the northernmost prong of the German attack had been stemmed.

U.S. troops were fighting back, giving and receiving their heaviest losses of the war, as Von Rundstedt concentrated up to 200,000 men into a massive bid for a breakthrough.

"The German high command claimed its spearheads had penetrated the Ardennes Forest and cut the 45-mile Liege-Bastogne highway, one of the main north-south highways linking the U.S. 1st and 3rd Armies."

(Bastogne is a Belgian town, four miles west of the Luxembourg border, and 40 miles northeast of Sedan. It was through the Ardennes Forest that the Germans made their great breakthrough in 1940, smashing across the Meuse at Sedan.)

First Army countermeasures have been in progress since the German attack began rolling Dec. 16.

Some U.S. Elements Surrounded

U.S. troops suffered considerable casualties, and several elements were completely surrounded south and west of St. Vith.

Crossing of the Liege-Bastogne Road would represent a 17-mile advance west of St. Vith for the Germans, or a minimum penetration of Belgium and Luxembourg of 14 miles. The road is approximately 35 miles east of the north-south course of the Meuse as it flows through Givet, Dinant and Namur.

But the German drive was reported turning south and west of St. Vith, farther south, in the most potent threat.

Low grey clouds and fog for the second day bound Allied air forces to the ground and robbed the U.S. 1st Army of its best

chance of halting the German offensive.

With the fields crawling with German armor and roads jammed with German transport, the weather was a tragedy for Allied air power. Only six Allied planes got off the ground Wednesday.

There was a feeling here that it may be days before the enemy can be slowed or stopped—weeks before the U.S. 1st Army can regain positions it held in Germany last Sunday when the Russian generals plunged headlong into a major bid for victory.

Allied Time Table Completely Upset

It appeared the Germans already have torn Gen. Eisenhower's winter campaign timetable to shreds. It was clear that with the 1st Army falling back the strategy of the flanking U.S. 9th and 3rd Armies must be altered.

Despite the American reverse—already the greatest setback suffered in two years of fighting in Europe and Africa—there was some tendency among military men to welcome the German attack. A belief prevailed that "this was it"—the big battle that could eventually lead down the road to final victory.

The 3rd Army repulsed two German counterattacks northeast of Sarreguemines. The 7th Army, under intense artillery fire, was thrown out of Budenzheim, 29 miles inside the Palatinate and seven miles northwest of Wissembourg.

The French in the Vosges advanced a mile south of Lake Noir, 13 miles west of Colmar, and reached Les Hauts Huttes.

The stand of the Germans all along these other fronts had stiffened surprisingly considering the fury they had concentrated into their new drive, and apparently was intended to tie up Allied forces which might otherwise be diverted to the Belgian-Luxembourg sector.

Considerable enemy movement was observed around Linlich and Lindern, north of the 1st Army sector.

While it may be the death battle of the German army, coming out into the open in a last blaze of offensive power, the Germans were making it one of the bloodiest struggles of the whole war for both sides.

Shorter War When Nazis Fail, Says Stimson

WASHINGTON (AP)—War Secretary Stimson said today that if the German counteroffensive fails, definitely will shorten the war.

He coupled with this assertion, however, the statement that the Germans' ability to launch the huge offensive is significant.

Stimson, in his weekly review of the war given at a news conference, said the Germans had chosen for their attack a sector "which had been loosely held by both sides. It was a terrain which had not offered to the Allies much incentive for exploitation."

The secretary commented that the Nazis did not have a great deal to lose in risking the offensive, and that it might gain for them a few months of time before they must account for "the misery they have inflicted upon the world."

Bulldozer Conquers Bear

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP)—Quick thinking by bulldozer driver Leo Llewellyns enabled him to trap and kill a bear.

Bunting a sizable chunk of earth out of a sidehill, Llewellyns uncovered a hibernating bear. The bear became ferocious. But the driver dug in the blade of his dozer and covered the animal up to its neck.

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ber amounted to \$24.98, expend-
iture \$206.89. The annual meeting
will be held Jan. 25, at Mahon
Hall. General routine business
was discussed.

The school entertainment,
Christmas tree and dance was
held Friday in Beaver Point Hall.
The concert was organized by
the teacher, Miss Muriel Richley.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A last-minute gift may be
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M. Robson, Mrs. Foley. All win-
ners have been notified.

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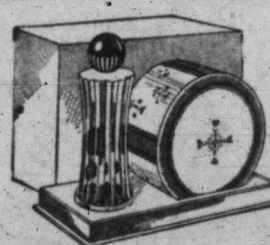


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Honeysuckle Dusting	3.40
Powder and Cologne	3.40
Pink Clover	1.65
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Pink Clover Soap—	50¢
Per cake	50¢
Pink Clover Cologne—	1.10 and 1.75
Pink Clover	85¢
Talcum	85¢
Honeysuckle	1.50
Soap—3 cakes	1.50
Honeysuckle Cologne—	1.10 and 1.75
Honeysuckle	85¢
Talcum	85¢
Honeysuckle	1.65
Dusting Powder	1.65
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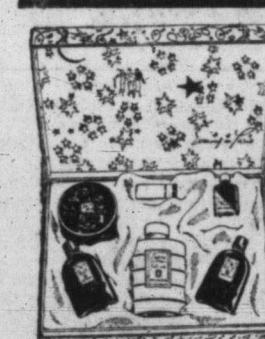
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B.C. Colonel Directs Reclaiming Of Dieppe Harbor

By MARGARET ECKER
DIEPPE, France (CP)—The job of turning the junk heap of smashed concrete and twisted metal in the harbor of Dieppe into an operational port to supply Allied armies in Europe has fallen on the shoulders of a former Vancouver man, Lt.-Col. Harold Hacking.

Rusted funnels of sunken ships spear from the waters of the channel which leads into a series of landlocked basins. Where once sheds stood is a pile of twisted concrete, metal and lumber.

The Canadian colonel has been at work at Tobruk, Algiers, Benghazi and Naples, using the peace-time experience he gained in the North Pacific Shipping Company, Vancouver. Working with him at Dieppe are another Vancouver man, Maj. E. T. Clendinning, and Maj. Bob Hunt of Toronto.

"It's a combined army and navy show," the colonel said. "The navy clears the channel of mines and wrecks that can be floated."

"Navy mine and bomb disposal squads working with army squads comb every inch of the quays."

"When the mines are cleared naval salvage people go to work on the wrecks in the harbor, and clear the sunken ships out of the way. Meanwhile, the army port construction and repair squads work on the quays and locks, and almost simultaneously the army engineers of the port operating companies and maintenance companies begin to discharge ships."

"When we came into a damaged port we stepped right into the enemy's set-up," he said. "This office was the office of the Boche camp commandant. I'm using his paper and inkwell."

Crushed By Logs
NELSON, B.C. (CP)—Crushed around his hips when caught between two logs, Bill Fofonoff, 23, of Champion Creek, B.C., was fatally injured Wednesday while helping to load logs on a truck at a logging camp near Pysmore, 30 miles west of Nelson. He died en route by truck and ambulance to the hospital here.

Top German Reserves Switched To West for Present Nazi Drive

Following commentary on the German offensive in western Europe was written by William Stewart, Canadian Press war correspondent who has returned to Canada after covering landings in Sicily, Italy, France and Belgium.

By WILLIAM STEWART
The dangerous German counter-attack between the Maas and Moselle may have been imposed by the necessity of removing the U.S. forces' threat to the vital Ruhr, but evidently is intended to deal with a situation that was anticipated by the enemy.

The counteroffensive doesn't have the appearance of an operation hurriedly put together but rather of an attack well planned and weeks in the making.

Its strength may also prove that a long-expected development in Germany's defence strategy has now become fact. That development, forecast after Allied successes in France and Belgium, was that the German high command would be forced to switch its top defensive priority from the eastern to the western front.

It would be no surprise if the crack German infantry and tank forces making the drive into Belgium and Luxembourg included seasoned reserves from the eastern front. They may have been out of action reforming and have been moved to strike against the Americans on the threshold of the Ruhr.

RUHR VITAL TO GERMANY
It seems certain that Germany could carry on the war no longer than she could hold the Ruhr and keep its great concentration of war industries intact.

The Germans would have anticipated that the Ruhr would be one of the prime targets of the Allied drive and planned counter-measures for the time the threat to the area became imminent.

While two U.S. armies hacked their way closer to this vital Rhineland territory the Nazis apparently built up for their defence-by-attack.

It is seldom that the organization of an operation on such a scale can long escape detection.

Fishermen Punished But Charges Dropped
NANAIMO (CP)—Charges against 12 fishermen of fishing for ling cod with sunken nets were withdrawn in Police Court here Wednesday after Stipendiary Magistrate C. H. Beaver Potts had convicted a 13th man, John Baird of Nanaimo, on a similar charge and fined him \$25.

J. A. Motherwell, Chief Supervisor of Fisheries, said at Vancouver that charges were withdrawn as the Fisheries Department had largely achieved its purpose by seizing the gear of the 13 fishermen and laying the charges without actually pursuing the case further.

"We don't want to prosecute the fishermen," he said. "By taking the action we did we stopped a whole lot of illegal fishing and saved a lot of cod."

Co-operative Party
Over 100 persons were present at the annual social gathering of the Victoria Co-operative Society, 1318 Government Street, planned by the ladies' guild. Included in the program were songs, recitations, dancing and games. Later, refreshments were served.

Langbeinite, a rare mineral found only in five countries, is valuable as a source of fertilizer because the purified ore is a sulfate of potash-magnesia containing 22 per cent potassium oxide and over 15 per cent magnesite.

War Prisoners Send Christmas Greetings
Through the Canadian Red Cross nearly 200 Canadian prisoners of war interned in Stalag 344, Germany, have sent a cabled message of Christmas greetings to their relatives and the people of the Dominion.

"On behalf of all Canadians in Stalag I wish to convey to every one of you our warmest seasonal greetings," the message said.

"Please accept also our sincere thanks for all you have done on our behalf. We would wish our people at home to have our most heartfelt greetings and good wishes for the coming season, and to have them know that we shall be with them in spirit and hope that the future season shall see us all reunited."

Special Christmas parcels from the Canadian Red Cross are being distributed to the prisoners, an official of the society said.

When our divisions break the present line, our engineers will be with them, and they will have bridges to cross the Rhine, too. Gen. Somervell.

Coldwell Says Premier Averted Election
OTTAWA (CP)—M. J. Coldwell, C.C.F. leader, said in a broadcast address Wednesday night that when the federal government accepted a C.C.F. amendment to a confidence motion at the recent special sitting of the Commons it "prevented the possibility of an immediate general election, for which irresponsible political elements were clamoring, an election which would have seriously disrupted the common war effort."

Mr. Coldwell spoke over a national network under an arrangement by which the CBC allocates certain free time to political parties.

The C.C.F. leader said the government had accepted the amendment, which asked that the words "its policy of" be struck from the confidence motion; "That this House will aid the government in its policy of maintaining a vigorous war effort." The amended motion was approved by the House in a vote.

The change caused a revision of the C.C.F. determination to vote against the original motion. Mr. Coldwell said an election at present would place in power on a war issue a government which would have postwar problems to solve. He held that a parliament elected to deal with these problems should be elected on postwar policies with every opportunity to vote given the men and women now overseas.

"Certainly the masses of our people are not working and sacrificing, and dying, to restore discredited monarchies to their thrones, or reactionary rulers to their prewar power," he said.

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Re-establishment Officials Named

OTTAWA (CP)—Veterans Minister Ian Mackenzie has announced the appointment of Lt. Col. J. H. Hogan of Prince Edward Island and Ottawa as assistant director of re-establishment credits, and Maj. E. A. Dunlop of Toronto, a blinded war veteran, as chief of the disability training and placement branch.

"Payment of war service gratuities to discharged personnel will be recommended soon after the first of the year, and we are completing our organization so we will be in a position to handle applications quickly when they are received," Mr. Mackenzie said.

The minister explained that the re-establishment credit is an amount equal to the basic gratuity—that is, \$7.50 for each 30 days' service in the western hemisphere and \$15 for each 30 days' service overseas.

Col. Hogan is a veteran of this war and the first Great War. After the last war he joined the former Department of Pensions and National Health.

Maj. Dunlop, son of the late E. A. Dunlop, former provincial treasurer of Ontario, was one of the officers selected from the Canadian army to go to Tunisia as an observer during that campaign, and while there, he was slightly wounded.

Returning to England, he lost his eyesight in a training accident when he picked up a live Mills bomb which a soldier had dropped. The soldier was not injured, but the bomb exploded before Maj. Dunlop could throw it clear of service overseas.

On his return to Canada, he reentered the University of Toronto, where he was continuing his studies when he was appointed to the Veterans' Department.

B.C. Nut Industry Greatly Increased
KELOWNA, B.C. (CP)—Nuts grown in the Okanagan valley, including English walnuts, filberts, almonds and chestnuts, will be included in Christmas meals throughout Canada this season.

David Gellatly of Westbank, near Yale, B.C., grew 1,600 pounds this year.

Mr. Gellatly began his experiment in the nut industry here 39 years ago. Since the war sale of locally-grown nuts has climbed and shipments have been made to all points in British Columbia and Alberta.

Filberts are the most successful nut crop so far, Mr. Gellatly said. English walnuts are uncertain as they are subject to frost injury. Almonds are slightly harder than peaches and a good crop of them is usually raised.

Mr. Gellatly said he considered British Columbia the only Canadian province at all favorable to the production of nuts commercially.

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British Aim At Food Production In Peace Great As Now In War

By JOHN DAUPHINEE
LONDON (CP)—By plowing up grassland, reclaiming waste areas and specializing in crops for human food, Britain during the war has increased her production of foodstuffs by at least 70 per cent in both calory and protein value.

Now the aim is to maintain that high production into the peace, to save foreign exchange for other purchases abroad and help provide employment in a stable, prosperous agricultural industry.

Statistics on Britain's war effort show that land in crop or fallow increased from 8,800,000 acres in 1939 to 14,600,000 this year and temporary grassland increased from 4,100,000 acres to 4,800,000.

But permanent grassland was down from 18,800,000 acres to 11,700,000. Thus the total area under crops and grass was reduced only 600,000 acres despite the vast areas taken over for military purposes and the land actually farmed increased by 6,500,000 acres.

In 1943 the quantity of both wheat and potatoes harvested was more than double the pre-war average and sugar beets and vegetables were up more than 30 per cent.

R. S. Hudson, Agriculture Minister, has assured British farmers that during the next four years they will have assured markets for a wide range of agricultural products at fixed prices, set yearly in advance.

The white paper said the outcome of the wartime agricultural production program was that "by 1943 it had become possible to maintain our total food supplies at an adequate level while at the same time reducing imports of food by 50 per cent, thus releasing an equivalent amount of shipping for other war purposes."

25,000,000 Adults In U.S. Want to Go Back to School
By American Institute of Public Opinion

PRINCETON, N.J.—Some 25,000,000 adult Americans would like to go back to school after the war!

This fact, revealed in a nationwide survey on adult education by the institute, suggests that this field has been barely tapped in this country, and that a tremendous demand exists for adult educational facilities.

The survey found that 17 per cent of the adults questioned from coast to coast had attended some kind of adult education classes during the past five years. But double this number would like to attend as is shown by answers to this question:

"After the war would you like to attend classes and take special courses for adults in some school or college?"

The number who said "yes" was 34 per cent. The rest were either not sure, or said they would not. Farmers were found the least interested.

Among people aged 20-29, the affirmative vote was considerably higher—57 per cent. Next greatest interest was shown in the group aged 30-49.

All those interested were asked: "What courses would you like to take?"

AMBITIONS
Curiously enough, the majority of adults willing to enroll are not so much interested in commercial or vocational training, such as typing, dressmaking or beauty shop work, which might

bring in immediate income. The largest number want training of a more ambitious nature, along professional, scientific or artistic lines, such as law, engineering, psychology, social welfare, economics, chemistry and certain languages and arts.

The superintendent of the Philadelphia schools last week publicly advocated a federal program of more than \$1,000,000,000 annually for aid to education in this country.

Adult education classes formed a part of the W.P.A. program for a time during the depression. Many cities during these courses so well attended that securing big enough classrooms and work-rooms was a major problem. In one high school building in Brooklyn, the enrollment of adults in evening classes was more than twice as large as the enrollment of children in the regular daytime classes of the school.

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Flowers, Butterflies Seen at Prince George

PRINCE GEORGE, B.C. (CP)—It doesn't seem like Christmas in Prince George this year. Lt. Col. F. H. Stringer picked pansies in his garden Tuesday. Mrs. Thomas Van Dyk trapped an apple green butterfly at her home. Explanation by weather officials is that Prince George has had 137 days without a "killing" frost this year, compared with the 81-day average of the last 30 years.



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CALGARY (CP)—W. C. Chonette, company manager, said here that the Shell well at Jumping Pound now is producing gas at the rate of 6,100,000 cubic feet a day.

On the basis of test runs he estimated the gas volume to be capable of about 50 to 60 barrels a day of naphtha. Mud and water have been cleared.

Mr. Chonette said the well will be allowed to flow for two days. Acidization is expected to take place Friday.

Pledge Full War Aid

WINNIPEG (CP)—Nicholas Hrymchysyn of Winnipeg, associate editor of the Ukrainian Word, was elected president of the Workers' Benevolent Association of Canada at the concluding session of the annual convention Wednesday. The association pledged itself to the fullest support of the country in the prosecution of the war. George Krone of Winnipeg was elected general national secretary.

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CONFUSED AND FLUID

OFFICIAL INFORMATION RELEASED from the headquarters of General Eisenhower in western Europe does not seek to minimize the problem which the German counter-offensive has posed for the American commanders in the substantial area involved. Nor should any of this authoritative news be interpreted as foreshadowing lugubrious potentialities. In the first place, the authorized communications deal with operations which took place two days ago; in the second place, they have little to say about the riskiness of the bold Nazi move or the manner in which the Allied commander proposes to deal with it. The layman should content himself with about the only reliable knowledge vouchsafed to him—that the situation is fraught with those elements of confusion and fluidity in which the military experts delight to speculate. It is a disturbing interlude, the more so because the progress of events in recent months and weeks had led the people of the United Nations to believe that the enemy's lines would be the first to crack under the relentless pressure which already had permitted Allied forces to get set for the final onslaught on the last defences west of the mighty Rhine.

Let it be remembered that General Eisenhower has said on several occasions that the German western armies would have to be defeated on the left bank of the great waterway. All the signs and portents suggested that Field Marshal von Rundstedt agreed with him; the bitter resistance offered in every vital section of the line seemed to provide all the evidence to support this view. And the fact that this disciple of the best Junker military tradition has launched his counterattack on the grand scale removes the last vestige of doubt on the point. It is fairly safe to assume, therefore, that German strategy is to prolong the defence of the approaches to the Rhine—the formidable bastion protecting "Festung Deutschland" proper—as long as possible and to run up the price of all Allied encroachments to the maximum amount in men and material. The significant technique here, or so it would seem, is to try to bring about an atmosphere in which criticism, suspicion, ignorance, unctious rectitude and ideology can get in their dirty work. In other words, and in addition to von Rundstedt's meticulous observance of basic military orthodox in its streamlined form, the German concept resides in the necessity to gain time for the cesspools of hatred the Nazis have left behind them to breed the disease of vengeance to plague the Allies.

Judged solely from the standpoint of comparisons of available men and supplies, particularly Allied domination of the air, the job of "containing" and blunting the counterstroke will not be an insuperable problem for General Eisenhower to solve. Such a bold stroke as that which Field Marshal von Rundstedt has launched with substantial success so far as it has gone requires a huge concentration of armor, infantry, artillery and planes which aerial eyes can detect. In this regard, we are told, the enemy was favored by heavy fog in his preparations and made the most of the advantage. But even at this time of the year in western Europe there are days of clear skies, though they be few and far between, and the Nazi commander has not forgotten what happened to hundreds of German tanks in Normandy when British rocket-firing Typhoons cut loose in fair weather. Probably before the week is out we shall know whether von Rundstedt has made a costly mistake or whether he has obliged General Eisenhower materially to change his strategy to meet the new circumstances.

NEUTRALITY AGAIN?

MR. M. J. COLDWELL, THE C.C.F. leader, told the American Labor Conference on International Affairs that, under proposals made at Dumbarton Oaks, "Canada might be directed to sever trading relations with, or supply armed forces to fight against some future aggressor, without having participated in the decision reached." He wanted strong secondary nations better represented on the Security Council. The proposals for establishment of a general international organization made at the Dumbarton Oaks conference were:

Membership of the organization should be open to all peace-loving states.
The organization should have as its principal organs: (a) General assembly, (b) Security Council, (c) An International Court of Justice, (d) A Secretariat, and (e) Such subsidiary agencies as may be found necessary.
All members of the organization should be members of the General Assembly.
The General Assembly should have the right to consider the general principles of co-operation in the maintenance of international peace and security . . . any questions relating to the maintenance of international peace and security brought before it by any members of the organization or by the Security Council . . . any questions on which action is necessary should be referred to the Security Council by the General Assembly either before or after discussion. Each member of the organization should have one vote in the General Assembly.
Important decisions of the General Assembly, including recommendations with respect to the maintenance of international peace and security; election of members of the Security Council; election of members of the Economic and Social Council . . . should be made by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting.
The Security Council should consist of one

representative of eleven members of the organization. Representatives of the United States of America, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Republics, the Republic of China, and, in due course, France, should have permanent seats. The General Assembly should elect six states to fill the nonpermanent seats.

What Mr. Coldwell really complains of is that under the foregoing proposals Canada might be committed to the responsibility of action by the Security Council acting for the General Assembly. That is the sum total of the C.C.F. leader's worry about international security. He presumably wants to have the opportunity to remain neutral so long as he considers—as he did in 1939—that all wars are "capitalistic" wars; that when Britain is involved in war it must be an "imperialist" war, in which Canada must have no part; that Canada should furnish supplies (at a profit, of course) but not men; but above all that Canada must remain neutral.

Certainly Mr. Coldwell knows that the greatest weakness in the League of Nations was this lack of responsibility on the part of any nation which thought it should not be involved in "sanctions"; or that it could remain neutral, in case of aggression. He should know that he is truly representative of the very type of mentality which wanted peace at any price, disarmament in the face of the League's impotence and the obvious Nazi scheme, and no responsibilities in the international field—except those of propaganda for the doctrines in which he believes.

FREE EXCHANGE OF NEWS

IN HIS OFFICIAL CAPACITY AS PRESIDENT of the Canadian Press, as well as in his personal role as one of Canada's ablest editors, Senator W. A. Buchanan delivered a radio broadcast last Sunday in which he strongly urged the Parliament of this Dominion to declare itself in favor of including a provision in the peace treaties to guarantee the free exchange of news between the nations of the world and the freedom of the press generally. This eminent Canadian journalist's admirable pronouncement is the sequel to a resolution passed by the Board of Directors of the C.P. at its meeting in Vancouver last September. This was brief and to the point and read:

"That this Board express its belief in the world-wide right of interchange of news by news-gathering and distributing agencies, whether individual or associate, and in the right of access to news sources by any newspaper of any country; and that these rights should be protected by international compact."

Following Senator Buchanan's appeal, the Canadian Press has sounded out the leaders of the four major national political parties and, strange as it may seem to their respective supporters, finds them in complete agreement with the basic principle embodied in the Vancouver resolution. Since the request for individual statements from Mr. King, Mr. Bracken, Mr. Coldwell, and Mr. Blackmore has revealed such harmony of view we shall not be accused of discrimination if we quote an extract from the Prime Minister's, which epitomizes the accord.

"I believe that freedom of exchange of international news is essential for informed opinion on international affairs and that this is indispensable to the maintenance of peace. I hope that the controls of wartime censorship may be removed as soon as they are no longer necessary and that in the postwar world no government will attempt to insulate its people against the free flow of news into and from international boundaries. I believe, too, that all who are interested in the freedom of news should give careful consideration to the importance of equal transmission facilities."

Mr. King prefaced the foregoing expression of opinion by saying that the matter of protecting news freedom by international compact "is receiving careful attention from the government" and that "it is also under examination by the other Allied governments." With this categorical assurance, therefore, coupled with his declaration as head of the Liberal Party and Prime Minister, it should be safe to assume that Canada's unqualified support and the influence she wields among the rest of the United Nations will be brought to bear on such deliberations at the peace settlement as will be devoted to this vital subject.

It is rehearsing an old complaint to charge that if it had been possible for the peoples of the world to learn the whole truth about their respective countries in the years which followed the end of the first Great War, if every nation had agreed to the principle and practice of the free exchange of accurate information—instead of propaganda masquerading in many guises as news—millions now fighting and dying might have been enjoying a satisfying measure of peaceful progress. The removal of the barriers to international news, incidentally, should be regarded as the natural corollary to the end of high tariff walls. Full recognition of the twin gospel of moral and material interdependence is the prerequisite for universal amity.

WHITE'S BOOK ON RUSSIA

RUSSIAN WRITERS ARE STILL FOUNDING away at the abridged version of William L. White's forthcoming book on the Soviet Union called "Report on the Russians." Moscow's Pravda calls it the "usual standard production of a Fascist kitchen with all its smells, calumny, unpardonable ignorance and ill-conceived fury." It adds: "White wrote as if he had never met any Soviet men at all. One can only think that everywhere he met someone like himself. It would be more correct to think, though, that everywhere he spoke to himself alone. His own voice, full of hatred for the Soviet Union, he then presented as the voice of some non-existing Soviet citizens."

However, Pravda comes to the conclusion that "the truth about the Soviet Union, penetrates to America, despite all the efforts of Fascist agitators." And we know how some Russian writers feel; books have been written about Canada on information gleaned from the window of a railway train.

Bruce Hutchison

PROSPECTS FOR TRADE: THE U.S. STARTS TO MOVE

THE UNITED STATES has begun already to take the initiative in restoring the world's trade, knowing that only by its restoration can the American economy hope to prosper and private enterprise survive. Two recent developments mark the United States' determination to start goods moving through the world after the war. First, the United States has undertaken, by a new lend-lease agreement, to help Britain rebuild its industries and its export trade. Second, a spokesman of the government has asked Congress to approve a program of wide international economic co-operation. The government has acted in words, and in deeds.

The new lend-lease agreement covers the year which will follow the collapse of Germany, whenever that occurs. In this year the United States will reduce by 43 per cent the amount of goods it will send to Britain under the lend-lease formula, since Britain will not need them to maintain its present war effort against Germany. But a substantial part of the goods shipped in this period will be used to aid Britain in peace-time reconstruction.

By securing from the United States, without payment, goods to be used in the war against Japan, Britain will be enabled to turn over a large part of its own industrial capacity to the manufacture of peace-time goods for its own use and for export. Secondly, the lend-lease goods will include about \$60,000,000 worth of prefabricated houses for bombed-out British workers and also increased food shipments to improve the British diet. Thirdly, and perhaps most important, the United States agrees to recon-vert its own industry to peace at the same rate as British conversion. For example, if the United States decides to convert 40 per cent of its plants to peacetime use after Germany's collapse, Britain will do the same. The agreement thus prohibits any "undue competitive advantage" for the industry of either country.

THE NEW LEND-LEASE agreement turns out to be one of the most enlightened policies of international co-operation of record. But it is only the beginning of the United States government's plans.

In a statement to a committee of Congress a few days ago Mr. Dean Acheson, assistant secretary of state, outlined the government's larger plans in detail. His statement confirms at every point the forecast made in this writer's dispatch from Washington in mid-October. In brief, the United States government proposes nine distinct projects of world economic reconstruction as follows:

Repeal of the Johnson Act which prohibits private and public United States loans to countries that have defaulted on loans in the past; expansion of the lending authority of the Export-Import Bank to make possible large American foreign loans; ratification by Congress of the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development, as proposed at Bretton Woods, its chief purpose being to guarantee foreign loans by private lenders; ratification of the Bretton Woods currency stabilization plan; reduction in tariffs; an international trade conference "at the earliest practicable date for the reduction of barriers to trade"; creation of an "international trade organization to study international trade problems and to recommend practical solutions"; possible expansion of the Securities and Exchange Commission to check the soundness of foreign loans; approval of the Dumbarton Oaks league of nations charter.

Mr. Acheson also urged, as part of this general scheme, a new system of commodity agreements along the lines already described from Washington.

TAKEN TOGETHER all these proposals represent the largest attack ever made upon the problem of world trade in modern times. If they can be effected, the world may look forward to an expansion of prosperity greater than any it has ever known.

It must be remembered, however, that while the United States government proposes, Congress disposes. While Congress may well agree to foreign lending and currency stabilization, the true test of its willingness to restore trade will arise when it is asked to reduce tariffs. Powerful influences like the National Planning Association, in a report already quoted here, are working for tariff reductions in the United States. Forces possibly more powerful already are at work against them. The clear indication that the U.S. Senate will not ratify the postwar oil treaty between the United States and Britain is an ominous sign; for the objection to this treaty is that it would result in the importation of large quantities of foreign oil in competition with American producers after the war. Every detailed proposal to increase competitive foreign imports into the United States will be vigorously fought in Congress by well-organized pressure groups.

Of this the President is well aware, but he is basing his whole postwar program in the United States on his plan to restore the world at large. Having prevented such an effort at the London Economic Conference of 1933, and seen the results of that failure, he understands better than any of his predecessors that the United States can only prosper in a prosperous world. He knows that if the United States refuses to lend money and accept goods in payment, other nations will be forced into autarchy, as they were after the last war, and another world depression will be assured.

We can do nothing about lack of faith and confidence among German farmers by general measures of coercion and compulsion, but we can punish individual culprits who present a stumbling block in the path of duty. German Food Minister Herbert Backe.

Letters to the Editor

PLEASED WITH RESULT

I wish to thank all the people of Saanich who supported the school by-law. Additional school accommodation in Saanich is needed right now, not at some time in the future.

Apparently Mr. Burridge is not aware of the increase in school population in both the city and Saanich since June, 1943, when he refused to continue with his duties as Saanich School Trustee. The city school population has increased and this, together with their policy of opening pre-emptor classes, means that they will not have room to accommodate any appreciable number of Saanich children.

It is very strange that Mr. Burridge should have been against the proposed school in his district now, considering the fact that one of the first things he did when he got on the school board was to demand on eight-room school in that district. He insisted that it be two blocks from the city limits and right near his own home.

The proposed Cedar Avenue school site is approximately one mile from Oaklands School. The school board committee to deal with over-crowding, consisting of Trustee Paine and Inspector Gough, with myself as chairman, made a very intensive and detailed study of the whole problem before the by-law was drawn up. The by-law represents the absolute minimum of accommodation needed now.

FRANSINE PATERSON,
Saanich School Trustee.

SAYS THE DEAN

It is curious that Mr. Munro rebukes Mr. Sanders because "his profundities appear to take in too much territory." Mr. Munro opens up yet more territory. To trace the course of Mr. Munro's thought is like running after a streetcar in order to discover its destination.

Mr. Munro's picture of doughty combatants swinging their cudgels is perhaps an echo of the words of T. T. Lynch—a contemporary of Darwin, who wrote his verse between spasms of angina pectoris:

"My faith, it is an oaken staff;
O let me on it lean;
My faith, it is a trusty sword;
May falsehood find it keen."

When Mr. Munro refers to "The Anglican Committee on Dogma," he is thinking of the Report of the Commission on Christian Doctrine, issued in 1938. When he writes of "a church which only six years ago surrendered its creed," he means a church which had the boldness to subject the interpretation of the creed to a rigorous examination in the light of modern knowledge. The report is not a surrender, but an exposition.

When Mr. Munro mentions "dropping the dogma of resurrection" as an incidental outcome of the report, he does not mean doubting the fact of our Lord's resurrection, which the report strongly affirms. He probably means that the precise terms of our belief in the resurrection of the dead are restated, "as had been done in my own book, 'The Romance of Death,' published in 1931. (There is a copy of this book in the Victoria city library.)"

When Mr. Munro refers to "textual criticism of the Bible as in the case of Bishop Colenso," he means literary, historical and scientific criticism. Textual criticism is a separate department of study, in which Colenso was not much concerned.

Having followed Mr. Munro

Today's WAR NEWS Analysis

By DEWITT MACKENZIE
Associated Press War Analyst

The great German counter-offensive appears to have slackened slightly in violence today, with immediate prospects much belated.

That's not to say, of course, that the ultimate outcome isn't clear. The vastly superior Allied strength ensures victory in the long run, but meantime many things can happen.

This giant engagement may be the last clash of such magnitude on the western front. It might even be decisive as regards the whole German war.

HUGE GAMBLE

Field Marshal von Rundstedt is shoving his whole stack of chips into the pot for a colossal gamble in which he risks being cleaned out. It's a play of desperation that rather reminds one of the Japanese banzai charges. The difference is that whereas the Nipponese attacks are suicide affairs—self-immolation for honor of the emperor—the hard-headed German has no thought

thus far, I still do not see where he is going; but his tracks seem to be in need of repair. Perhaps after the war . . .
SPENCER H. ELLIOTT,
The Deanery.

of selling his life for honor alone. He has a practical objective.

The Germans of course are gambling on upsetting Eisenhower's offensive plans, and so prolonging the war with the vague hope of securing a compromise peace. They are too good soldiers to have any expectation of winning the war.

The way things look, von Rundstedt already may have achieved the object of upsetting the Allied timetable badly. There won't be any white Christmas on the fighting front. So far as concerns a compromise peace we know that there's no possibility of such a thing.

Rundstedt may indeed achieve the delay which his master so eagerly seeks. However, we shouldn't overlook a point which he most certainly has not completely in mind—his offensive might boomerang and knock him out completely.

ALLIES' RESERVES GREATER

As remarked, the Germans are flinging everything they can lay their hands on into this great effort. An avalanche of men and supplies is disappearing into the maw of this great battle. True, the cost is terribly heavy for both sides, but the difference is that the Allies can far better stand the losses than can the Nazis. It would be absurd to make

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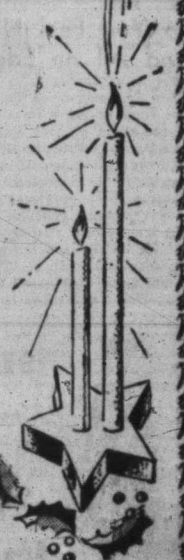
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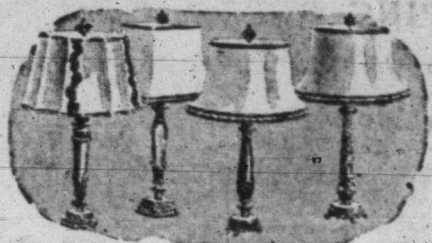
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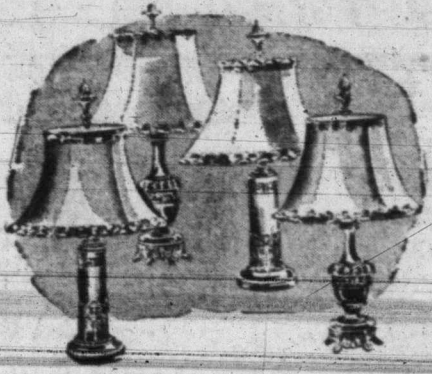
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Merry, laughing children gathered around Santa Claus at the Christmas party held by the W.A. to the P.P.C.L. at the Y.W.C.A., Wednesday. Turning only a few minutes to have their picture taken they were soon back at the tree and anxious to see what was in Santa's pack. More than 60 children watched the moving pictures, played games and enjoyed ice cream and cake. Tea was served for the mothers. Most of the children's fathers are overseas. Mrs. N. Featherstone, president, was general convener, assisted by Mesdames E. Shone, A. Mainprize, E. M. Jones, F. H. Siddins, George Lindsay.



Honored guests at the naval children's party were those children whose fathers are on active duty at sea. Above is Mrs. Charles E. Burgess of 2332 Vancouver Street, wife of L. Cook Burgess, and her four daughters: Helaine, eight and a half months, whom her father has not seen; Francis, nine years; Barbara, 10; Marjorie, 12.

Hundreds of children of naval personnel got a pre-Christmas visit from Santa Claus Wednesday afternoon when he called on them at their gala holiday party in the Shrine Auditorium.

A crowd of over 1,000 mothers and children gathered at the big hall for the festivities, which had to be run through twice to accommodate the huge throng. They saw colored cartoons, watched in awe as magicians performed amazing feats, and feasted on ice cream, cake and candy.

Santa presented each child with a gift as they filed up to him at the tree, and he wandered through the crowds of kiddies talking to the lucky ones.

The Navy band played Christmas carols and songs for the party, which was sponsored by the naval canteens in the Victoria area for sailors' children living here.

Committee in charge of arrangements for the affair was headed by Mrs. F. E. Germán, who officially opened the afternoon's program; Mrs. A. R. E. Coleman and Mrs. G. F. McCrimmon, assisted by the Jill Tars' Club and the special services of officers from H.M.C.S. Naden and Givenchy.

Engagements

Announcements to appear under this heading will be accepted at the Times Advertising Department. Minimum charge \$1.00 for 10 lines, and 15c for each additional line.

Mr. and Mrs. Boone of Ottawa announce the engagement of their daughter, Margery May, to LAC James William Jenkins, R.C.A.F., of St. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Jenkins of 738 Dominion Road, Esquimalt. The wedding will take place Dec. 23 at St. James' United Church at 4.30 p.m.

Mrs. Trevor Housner has gone to Vancouver to visit her mother, Mrs. T. A. Fee.



Sgt. Stanley James as Santa Claus has a word with Hamish and Sally Simpson, children of Capt. and Mrs. J. Ian Simpson at the Canadian Scottish Christmas party Wednesday afternoon.

"Here's a gift for Kathleen Scott from the North Pole..." "Merry Christmas, Gordon Allan, here's a present..." "Anybody know Frances Reid..." "Here's a gift for Roderick Heineke..."

"Where's Victoria Whiteley..." Before a tree glistening with ornaments, Santa Claus in the person of Sgt. Stanley James, was giving a Christmas present to each of 140 boys and girls, the sons and daughters of Canadian Scottish soldiers at the annual party arranged by the women's auxiliary to the regiment, at 738 Fort Street, Wednesday afternoon. It was the climax of the afternoon and wide-eyed children clustered round the platform on which Santa, stood to

distribute gifts. They carried away games, books, dolls, wooden guns, toys of every description. Young guests ranged in age from five months to 14 years and among those present was 21-month-old Patricia Routledge, first baby born to a Canadian Scottish soldier and his English wife in the British Isles. Her father, Pte. Cecil Routledge, is still overseas.

Mickey Mouse cartoons shown by Douglas Flinloff and the Strablers and their magic began the afternoon. Mrs. C. F. Eagles led singing of Christmas carols and Miss Ethel James arranged the musical program.

Mrs. W. R. Russell was in charge of refreshments, assisted by Mrs. John Leask, Mrs. A. Miles and Mrs. L. Heineke. Tables were arranged by Mrs. W. H. Parker and Lieut. W. J. Russell, R.Q.M.S. H. Nuttall, CSM. T. Dempster, CSM. R. Avery and RSM. J. Cleator looked after decorations in the rooms.

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Personals

Mr. Theo Bayles, who is attending the University of British Columbia at Vancouver, will spend Christmas with his family at Langford.

Mrs. K. Todd and her two daughters, Vicki and Madelon, will go to Vancouver to spend Christmas with the former's father, Mr. F. R. Wilgress.

Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Rothwell, with their sons David and Nigel are expected here from Vancouver to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Ian Agnew.

Mrs. Robert Driscoll of Vancouver will spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Pooley, at Esquimalt. Her husband will join them at the weekend.

Mrs. Howard Clegg and her two children, Jane and Judy, will go to Ganges, Salt Spring Island, to spend Christmas. They will be joined by the former's mother, Mrs. W. E. Burns of Vancouver.

Mrs. Charles Macaulay and her daughter, Mrs. Jack Norris, with the latter's children, will come from Vancouver to spend Christmas at the Empress Hotel.

Lieut. Murray A. Cree is spending Christmas leave with his wife and small daughter, Heather, at 2377 Central Avenue, Oak Bay. At present he is stationed at H.M.C.S. Chippewa, Winnipeg, as training officer.

Mr. Peter Stursberg, who has been with the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Great Britain and Italy for the last two years, is expected in Victoria at the weekend to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Stursberg and his brother, Mr. Richard Stursberg, at their home, 2384 Thompson Avenue.

Goodfellow Club took the form of a Christmas party at the home of Mrs. H. Clatworthy, Ambassador Avenue. Gifts were exchanged and a musical program followed. Mrs. B. Creech, 2971 Shakespeare Street, will be the next hostess, Jan. 13.

among the guests who were welcomed by Mrs. S. J. McDonald, president of the auxiliary. Mrs. R. D. Harvey convened the affair.

Mrs. J. S. Adam was responsible for the tea for the mothers of the young guests and she was assisted by Mrs. R. S. Bray, Mrs. E. Warburton, Mrs. J. Gill and Mrs. B. Clarke. Mrs. A. L. Carruthers and Mrs. S. Button looked after the cloakroom. Mrs. Frank Dymont convened Christmas presents.

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For Christmas Dinner

By EVELYN MACDONALD

FAMILY RITUALS of Christmas Eve and Christmas Day are, with most of us, laws which cannot be changed. For this reason the Christmas dinner must be in the traditional pattern if it is to be accounted successful. However, in the matter of garnishes, appetizers, the choice of vegetables, new ideas are welcome, even at this most traditional of all celebrations.

If soup is on the bill of fare have it a thin, clear soup, rather than one of the filling variety. Clear tomato is good. Garnish with croutons.

Christmas Wreath Croutons

Cut circles from 1/4-inch slices of bread with a doughnut cutter and saute or toast to a crisp golden brown. Sprinkle with finely chopped parsley and paprika and float one wreath on each serving of soup. For the relish tray fix frilly, paper-thin slices of carrot.

Filled Carrot Slices

Choose large carrots, scrape or peel thinly and cut in paper-thin crosswise slices. Place in a little cold water or cracked ice and chill until the edges curl.

For a "dinner-beginner" that is different, serve an ice. This one is easy to prepare and can be served as dessert, if you like.

Cranberry Apple Ice

Two-third cup sweetened cranberry sauce; 1 1/2 cups grated apple, few grains salt.

Crush the cranberry sauce with a fork, mix with apples and add salt. Mix thoroughly, and place in a covered tin, having the container about two-thirds full. Pack in a mixture of three parts ice to one part coarse salt, and freeze to a mush. This quantity serves six as an appetizer; if serving as dessert increase recipe to one cup cranberry sauce and two cups grated apple.

Parship surprise is an excellent vegetable accompaniment to roast chicken, and honey-glazed onions have a natural affinity for goose or duck.

Parship Surprise

Three cups grated parship (3 medium), 1/4 teaspoon salt, dash of pepper, 2 tablespoons water, 1 cup seasoned, medium cream sauce, 1/2 cup dry-bread crumbs, 1 teaspoon mild-flavored fat. Place grated parship in a greased casserole, sprinkle with salt and pepper and add water. Cover and bake in a moderately hot oven, 375 degrees Fahrenheit, for 15 minutes, or until tender. Remove from oven, pour cream sauce over the top and cover with bread crumbs which have been lightly browned in the melted fat. Return to the oven for five minutes, uncovered. Six servings.

Honey Onions

Four medium onions cut in 1/4-inch slices, salt and pepper to taste, 2 tablespoons water, 1 tablespoon honey, 2 teaspoons butter. Place onion slices in a large greased casserole or pan, sprinkle with salt and pepper and add water. Cover and bake in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F., for 15 minutes, or until tender. Remove from oven, drizzle with honey and dot with butter. Return to oven for 10 minutes to glaze and brown slightly, basting at least once. Six servings.

Holiday Sauce

Two tablespoons sugar, 1 teaspoon cornstarch, pinch of salt, 2 egg yolks or 1 whole egg, 1/2 teaspoon vanilla, 1 1/2 cups milk, 1/2 cup chopped maraschino cherries. Mix sugar, cornstarch and salt with 1-cup of the milk. Heat in double boiler. Beat egg yolks or whole egg slightly with remaining milk, and add slowly to the hot mixture. Cook, stirring constantly until the mixture is thickened enough to coat a spoon, about 10 minutes. Remove from heat, add vanilla and cherries. Six servings.

Cherry Macaroons

One egg white, pinch of salt, 1/4 cup sugar, 1 1/2 cups wheat or cornflakes, 1/2 cup maraschino or candied cherries, cut in small pieces. Add salt to egg white and beat until stiff. Add sugar gradually, then fold in flakes and cherries. Drop by teaspoons on a greased baking sheet. Bake in a moderately slow oven, 325 degrees F., for 30 minutes. Makes 1 dozen 1-inch macaroons.

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Weddings

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Hope Lutheran Church was the scene of a double ring wedding Tuesday evening, when Evelyn Catherine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Litt, 185 Forest Hill Avenue, London, Ont., became the bride of Sgt. Pilot Philip Frederick Armstrong, R.C.A.F., son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Armstrong of Victoria.

Rev. W. F. Doelling officiated at the candlelight service.

Given in marriage by her uncle, Mr. George Deitzer of Vancouver, the bride wore a pearl satin gown made in Elizabethan style, with a matching headpiece, and a finger-tip veil. She carried a shower bouquet of red roses. The gift of the groom was a gold cross on a tiny gold chain.

Miss Bernice Deitzer and Miss Iona Davis were the bridesmaids and wore pale blue chiffon gowns, and carried colonial bouquets.

Calvin Sturrock was the best man, and Bruce Cooke and Charles Rowley were the ushers.

A reception was held at Terry's rose room.

For traveling on her honeymoon to Vancouver, the bride wore a gold wool suit with brown accessories, and a corsage bouquet of Talsman roses.

On their return, Sgt. Pilot and Mrs. Armstrong will reside at Patricia Bay, where the groom is stationed with the R.C.A.F.

Personals

Mrs. Fred Beckett of Vancouver has arrived in the city to spend Christmas with her parents, Maj. and Mrs. Roger Monteith, 2272 Oak Bay. She will be joined by Capt. Beckett.

Mrs. M. Ellis of Malta, who is residing at the Empress Hotel, entertained at the tea hour Wednesday, in the hotel lounge. Her guests were: Dr. and Mrs. T. A. Rickard, Mrs. M. Charrington, Mrs. C. O. O'Halloran, Mrs. G. Tormore, Mrs. Russell Kerr, Dr. C. L. Shroough, Mrs. M. F. Durand and Mrs. S. W. Clarke.

Sunday morning at Metropolitan United Church the two-month-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duncan C. McPhail, 5046 Albany Road, was christened by Rev. A. E. Whitehouse, D.D., receiving the names Carolyn Joyce. Of great interest was the baby's long white nainsook hand-embroidered christening robe, it having been worn at the christening of her grandfather, three great-aunts and her father.

Christmas banquet of the Venture Club was held at the Aberdeen Hotel when holiday decorations centred the dinner table. During the evening, members had their handwriting analyzed by an expert. Those present were Misses Florence Vincent, Nita Arthur, Miller Kerr, Thelma Hawkins, Jean Laidlaw, Marjorie Laidlaw, Dorothy Tremholm, Doreen Tom, Betty Wilkinson, Eleanor Brooke, Janet Graham and Virginia Ross.

Christmas party of the Queen Alexandra Review No. 1, Women's Benefit Association, was held in the S.O.E. Hall. Those convening the affair were Mesdames H. W. White, W. Henson and A. Ritchie. There were songs and games, and gifts from the troops. Mrs. P. Stephen, president, announced at a short business meeting that Mrs. Caroline M. O'Brien, provincial field director, will officiate at the installation of officers Jan. 15.

Members of the Belmont W.A. met at the home of Mrs. W. F. Emery, Gladstone Avenue. Mrs. G. A. Butler presided. Plans for the New Year's Eve "Watch Night Service" were made. Miss Gladys Holling took the devotional.

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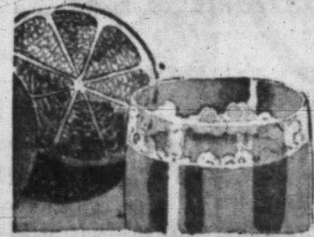
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Sports Mirror

By PETE SALLAWAY

EFFORTS of the R.C.E.M.E. or so-called army entry to gain admission to the senior B men's division of the Victoria and District Basketball League have not been blocked by the league officials but by the managers of the present clubs in the B division. Having heard a lot of talk pro and con on the subject I took the trouble to interview one of the executive of the league and gained the real low down. At the beginning of the campaign the R.C.E.M.E. entered the men's C division. However, as the season progressed the club secured a couple of outstanding players in Hank Rowe and Ralph Shepherd and became too powerful an outfit for the C section.

IN AN EFFORT to secure better competition the army boys interviewed the league with a view to moving up into the senior B group. However, the officials realized it was not within their power to accept a new entry for the B section as the league constitution rules against such action after a certain date which had expired. In an effort to meet the request of the army club the league called a meeting of representatives of the three senior B clubs, Tommy Tuckers, Victoria Roofing and Navy, with the idea of getting their reaction to the idea. The three clubs turned down the plan unanimously leaving the league no alternative. It is unfortunate that the Army club cannot play senior B as their entry would give the section a well-balanced four-team circuit.

RECOGNIZED as one of the smartest hockey managers in the business Tommy Gorman's latest action in protesting to the National Hockey League over the players of other clubs using so-called "ganging" tactics on Maurice Richard, Canadiens' star forward, is hard to understand, unless it is a publicity move. Regardless of the intent Gorman's protest is certain to backfire all over the circuit. It is a fine thing when a team manager has to appeal to the league seeking protection from the referees for certain players. If Messrs. Richard, Blake, Lach and O'Connor are unable to look after themselves they shouldn't be up in the big time. On paper the Canadiens definitely are the best-balanced club in the league from goalie Bill Durnan out. Why should they seek special attention from the referees? Don't be surprised if the Flying Frenchmen are referred to as the "cry babies" in other cities in the major hockey circuit. I'll wager Richard takes a real "riding" from now on.

WHEN Johnny Greco, pride of Montreal, and Bobby Ruffin treated the fans to another wild and thrilling bout in their repeat showing at New York the other night, it brought to mind several other famous encore stands, the most prominent being the 17 battles between Jack Britton and Ted Kid Lewis. The final engagement was the best of them all. Benny Leonard and Johnny Dundee teamed up in eight fights, each superior to its predecessor. Jack Kid Berg and Bruce Flowers repeated a spectacular bout a couple of times with no let-down. Stanley Ketchel and Bill Papke turned in four stirring battles. Gene Tunney and Harry Greb were always worth an encore. At the end of the first trip between Greco and Ruffin the former got the nod by the margin of a round. The other night Ruffin proved a winner on the strength of a great last-round comeback. The fight was no less lively than the first. The pair are certain to meet in a "rubber" bout, and it should prove the best of all. Greco and Ruffin are a pair of fighters who fight.

CURRIE ARMY WINS

CALGARY (CP) — The army team from Currie Barracks won the top of the Alberta Services Senior Hockey League here Wednesday night by defeating H.M. C.S. Tecumseh 2 to 1. Tony Desmarais and Doug Lane were the marksmen for Army while Eddie Slowinski tallied for the Navy.

MINOR HOCKEY

The following juvenile hockey players, members of the Victoria Minor Hockey Association, are asked to communicate with Ivan Temple as soon as possible: Rossiter, Donaldson, Quickfall, Posey, Smith, Oberg, Holding, Griffin, Renssion, Jacklin, Stephenson, Bennett, Betrand and Rittson.

Seattle Rainiers Present Changed Line-up in 1945

SEATTLE (AP)—Bill Mulligan, business manager of the Seattle Rainiers, returned home Wednesday from the New York state baseball conference just chock full of optimism about baseball prospects in the Pacific Northwest for 1945.

First, of course, Mulligan was full of enthusiasm about the probabilities of the Rainiers really going places with the bunch of new talent already picked up and in sight.

Second, he declared himself convinced that the revival next season of the moribund Western International League not only is possible, but probable and feasible.

Directors of the Pacific Coast League, he said, are enthusiastic about the prospects of the re-opening of the W.I. League and consider it likely manpower to bring about the revival will be available.

LOSE GYSELMAN

The hot stove league brought plenty of new facts to the Seattle line-up this winter, including first baseman George McDonald of San Diego, at the cost of third sacker Dick Gyselman, Joe Dobbins can cover second and a deal with Cincinnati is expected to bring in either a second baseman or shortstop to work into the keystone combination with Bob Gorbould, who capably fills either spot.

Charles Aleno from the Cincinnati club will take over third. To the outfield string of Bill Matheson, Roy Johnson, Bill Kats, Jack Whipple and Paul Carpenter, put Chase from Milwaukee and add the slugger Joe Norbert, a powerhouse at the plate.

Dick Hearn of Kansas City was added to the pitching staff in a deal with the Yankees which gave Seattle outright possession of John Babich, who will be a starter in 1945. Another pitcher is expected from Philadelphia which also is supplying the Giant with catcher, Bob Finley, who will work with veteran Hal Sueme behind the plate.



ANDREWS PUSHES ONE UP—Pat Bay Gremlins defeated Seattle All-Stars 47 to 37 in their inter-city basketball clash last night and Porky Andrews contributed 14 points towards his club's victory. In the above picture the former Oregon University star is seen just after jumping high in the air to bat in a rebound for two points. Other players seen are: Arnold Reid, Seattle (11), Bill Milliken, Seattle (10), Ian McKeachie, Pat Bay (3), and Norm Baker; Pat Bay (9). The clubs clash in a second game at the High School gym tonight, starting at 9.

Oregon Varsity In Win at Bellingham

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP)—Breaking a 40 to 40 tie in the last two minutes of a basketball game which saw them behind most of the time, the University of Oregon quintette defeated Western Washington College of Education Wednesday night 50 to 45.

Ken Hays, Oregon centre, battled in several rebounds and while aided with a long shot to break the tie. Hays tied for high points with Silverston of Bellingham with 11 points. Bellingham led 29 to 19 at the half and at one time in the first period held a 27 to 13 lead.

St. Louis Browns No. 1 Comeback Team

NEW YORK (AP)—St. Louis Browns, already tagged as having furnished the year's biggest sports surprise in winning the American League flag, landed new laurels today as the No. 1 comeback team of 1944.

So decided 87 sports editors participating in the country-wide Associated Press poll.

On a basis of three votes for first place, two for second and one for third, the Browns piled up 117 points to beat out Sam Snead, golfer who came back from two years in the navy to win the first tournament in which he played. Snead had a 56 total.

Fifty-two individuals and teams came in for comeback attention by the scribes, but the Browns were clearly a standout. The Browns, after losing the league lead, swept the last four games from New York to nose out Detroit by a single contest.

The second period, Oakland took the lead only to have the locals tie the score. McGibbon and Mott each racked up goals in the third period for San Francisco's victory.

Cards Much the Best in Field

Sets Up League Marks

NEW YORK (AP)—Defensive skills of the St. Louis Cardinals, painfully obvious to the Browns in the world series, were officially recognized today in the National League fielding records showing the world series champions set two major league team records.

Billy Southworth's Red Birds established a record for both leagues with a .982 percentage and, by committing only 112 errors, erased the standard hung up by Cincinnati in 1940. It was their third successive fielding title to back up three straight pennants.

Ray Sanders at first base, Marty Marion at shortstop, Whitey Kurowski at third base

Rangers Score Third Win

Whip Chicago Hawks 3-1

New York Rangers don't even figure to threaten for a playoff berth, but so far coach Frank Boucher has done a creditable job of keeping his charges out of the National Hockey League cellar where they wallowed hopelessly all last season.

Stung by three days' shared ownership of last place with Chicago, the "Blueshirts" turned in one of their better efforts last night to clip the Hawks 3 to 1 in their own nest. The triumph, their second road decision of the year, and their first anywhere since Nov. 30, gave the New Yorkers title to fifth place by a full game.

Hank Goldup, converted forward who does a workmanlike job on the Ranger defence, reverted to the attack to share scoring laurels with veteran Kilby Macdonald. Each registered a goal and assist to manufacture the victory margin after the teams had established a 1 to 1 tie.

A pass interception by Pete Horeck gave Hawks a brief lead early in the second, with Cully Dahlstrom converting Horeck's relay. Phil Watson, scrappy New York centre, evened it three minutes later when he scooted out of a pileup before the Chicago net to beat Mike Karakas.

Coast Junior Hockey Loop Has Troubles

VANCOUVER (CP)—Pacific Coast Junior Hockey League officials gathered here Wednesday night, but absence of Nanaimo delegates made the promised fireworks over refereeing in the island city last Saturday, fizzle out.

Nanaimo is protesting a 60-40 split in gate receipts. New Westminster and Vancouver teams have protested that the game in Nanaimo was allowed to get out of hand in the Saturday night event. They are asking that two referees keep an eye on future doings, instead of one referee and one linesman.

The referee question was left in the lap of president Cecil Goodrich, who will appoint two referees for each future game. He will advise Nanaimo formally of this decision. Referees will be switched around from town to town to avoid repeat performances with the same referees guarding the morals at every game.

The 60-40 gate angle was set over until the next meeting, which is scheduled for Jan. 3, in Vancouver.

New Westminster requested that the residence rule be extended until Jan. 15, inasmuch as they have lost one player, Mickie McGuire, through injury, and they may lose two more, Sonny McDonald and Jack Laidlaw. McDonald intends to go east to school, and Laidlaw, a member of the R.C.A.F., is expecting a posting momentarily.

Hockey Standings

N.H.L.						
	W.	L.	D.	F.	P.	Ps.
Canadiens	13	4	2	72	46	28
Detroit	10	5	3	80	56	23
Toronto	10	6	2	66	57	22
Boston	8	11	1	85	94	17
Rangers	3	10	4	54	78	10
Chicago	3	11	2	53	79	8

ago net to beat Mike Karakas. Ab Demarco and Grant Warwick were given assists.

Goldup, helped by Macdonald, fired the winning shot five minutes before the close of the period, and they reversed roles early in the third to make it certain. Fred Thurrier also assisted.

SUMMARY

First period—Scoring, none. Penalties, Horeck, Goldup, Cooper, Dill, Heller.

Second period—1, Chicago, Dahlstrom (Horeck), 5:29; 2, New York, Watson (Demarco-Warwick), 8:51; 3, New York, Goldup (Macdonald), 14:54. Penalties, Check, Labrie.

Third period—4, New York, Macdonald, (Thurrier, Goldup), 7:54. Penalties: Moe, Cooper, Shack.

Jackie McLean Out Of Game for Month

TORONTO (CP)—Jackie McLean, Toronto Maple Leafs' young right winger, will be out of action in the National Hockey League for a month or longer, it was learned Wednesday. McLean, engineering student at the University of Toronto, twisted his ankle in the third period of Leafs' game with Detroit here last Saturday.

EDMONTON HOCKEY

EDMONTON (CP)—Canadians rang up their third victory in as many starts in the Edmonton Junior Hockey League Wednesday night with a 7 to 5 decision over Maple Leafs. Cyril Thomas, shifty Canadians' forward, captured scoring honors with three goals, while Vince Bannon got two and Bill Gadsby and Jim Slugg each netted once.

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Andrews, Baker Star In Pat Bay Victory

Paced by those two "gold dust" twins, Norm Baker and Porky Andrews, with 16 and 14 points, respectively, Pat Bay Gremlins defeated Northwest League All-stars of Seattle, 47 to 37, in the first of two exhibition basketball games last night at the High School before a good crowd. The clubs will meet in a second tilt tonight, starting at 9.

Flyers really had their shooting eyes in and, after moving into a commanding 18 to 6 lead in the first quarter, never allowed the visiting stars to catch up. After a rather slow start the Washington club showed better in the second half of the clash and, with one game as a team under their belts, are certain to make matters much more interesting for the airmen tonight.

Seattle players had no little trouble accustoming themselves to the strange floor and baskets. In the first quarter they were unable to get their defensive play smoothed out, owing to the fact that some of the boys were used to a zone system and others to man-to-man. With the start of the second quarter they adopted the latter style and were able to outscore the Gremlins 8 to 2, leaving the Flyers with a 20 to 14 lead at half-time. Gremlins sneaked in 12 points on their opponents' 11 in the third quarter and in the final quarter had a three-point edge 15 to 12.

Lanky Bob Graf, playing in the pivot position for Seattle, topped their scoring parade with 13 points, followed by Murray Buchanan with eight.

MISS FLYERS

Seattle had a bad night from the free throw line, scoring only three out of 16. Buchanan was the worst offender, failing to score a single one of eight attempts. Pat Bay canned five out of eight.

In a preliminary game Rookies defeated the Comets 36 to 33 in overtime. It was the first defeat suffered by the Comets this season. Both clubs are managed by Bob Whyte. Second clash on the program saw Hank Rowe lead his R.C.E.M.E. team to a 36 to 31 triumph over the Navy. Rowe was the big noise in the army club's win with 20 points.

Tim McCulloch, well-known Seattle referee, worked with Gordie Moore in the feature game.

Teams and scorers follow:

Seattle All-Stars—Graf 13, Adams 5, Reid 5, Buchanan 8, Milliken 6.

Pat Bay Gremlins—Pay 4, McKeachie 4, N. Baker 16, G. Andrews 14, Stout 2, Lee 5, R. Baker 2, Fhelan.

Comets—L. McDonald 9, J. Bradshaw 3, D. Bradshaw 6, O. Mair, J. House, T. Whyte 15, M. Wallace.

Rookies—A. Gunniss, L. Mantion, A. Milliken 13, M. Kennedy 4, A. Somerville 2, E. Coates 2.

M. LaLachure 14, G. Levin 1, A. Lindquist 1, Raper.

Navy—Primmer 6, Bryant 5, H. Stevens, Register, James 4, Perkins 4, Irvine 3, G. Stevens 5.

Army—Fazekas, Long 3, Millburn 2, Welch 6, Rowe 20, Wozny 5, Brydgen, Maddess.

K.V.'s, College Win Basketball Games

In minor division basketball games, Wednesday night at the Y.M.C.A. gym, K.V.'s defeated the V.M.D. 44 to 8 in the intermediate B boys' division, while St. Louis College won from the Senators 24 to 12 in the Junior boys' section.

Teams and scorers follow: St. Louis College—Clarkson 6, Ireland 4, Anderson 2, Glancy 2, Worth, O'Neil 4 and Everett 6. Senators—Kostanuk 2, Inoran 4, McKay 1, Kinovita, Munro 2, Genvey and Keating 1. V.M.D.—Salmon, Glancy 4, Wharf 2, Baldwin 2, Sjoberg, Smith and Bryant.

K.V.'s—Ransom 8, Castner 10, Hampton 2, Kwarpel 4, Thomson 10, Long 6 and Anderson 4.

Big Four Football Returns Next Year

OTTAWA (CP)—J. P. McCaffrey, manager of the Ottawa Football Club, sponsors of the capital's Rough Riders, Wednesday informed Ottawa board of control that "Big Four" football will return to eastern Canada next fall.

McCaffrey headed a delegation from the club asking for the restoration of rights and privileges regarding the use of Lansdowne Park, particularly preference on playing dates for scheduled exhibition and practice games. "We feel that the time now has come to prepare for operation again," he said.

He added that the Big Four's meeting was scheduled for Toronto Jan. 20, and that the four teams of the league—Hamilton, Montreal, Toronto and Ottawa—had already agreed to field teams for the 1945 schedule.

Open Alleys At Gibson's Bowladrome

With the regular leagues suspending operations for Christmas week, Gibson's Olympic Bowladrome announced today they would have open alleys from Monday through to Saturday, Monday, Christmas Day, the alleys will be open from 1:30 to 5:30, and 7:30 to 10:30. All other days they will be open continuously from 1:30 to 11.

New Year's Day the alleys will be open from 1:30 to 11.

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KEATING-OLD WEST ROAD	Monday, December 25—No service. Tuesday, December 26—No service.
GORGE-LAKE HILL	Monday, December 25—Sunday service. Tuesday, December 26—Wednesday service with addition of late Saturday night trips.
BURNSIDE	Monday, December 25—Holiday service. Tuesday, December 26—Wednesday service with addition of late Saturday night trips.
AGNES-RALPH	Monday, December 25—Holiday service. Tuesday, December 26—Wednesday service.
GORDON HEAD	Scheduled service during entire period with exception of 7:10 a.m. round trip on December 25 and December 26.
CADBORO BAY	Monday, December 25—Sunday service with addition of 11:15 p.m. trip from city. Tuesday, December 26—Tuesday service.
CORDOVA BAY	Monday, December 25—Weekday service, with exception of 7:30 a.m. round trip. Tuesday, December 26—Weekday service.
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Dominion Presents Laurel and Hardy

This country, it would seem, is divided into two distinct classes of people — Laurel and Hardy fans, and those poor souls who are unlucky enough to have a cast-off mop for a funnybone.

To the former, the news that the screen's two zaniest comedians have come through with a new picture which is being acclaimed as their most hilarious hit, will come as a five-star event.

The film, "The Big Noise," which stars Laurel and Hardy and features glamorous Doris Merrick, Arthur Space and Veda Ann Borg, is scheduled to open tomorrow at the Dominion Theatre.

Tin Pan Alley Setting for Film

The razzle-dazzle era of vaudeville, musical comedy and "Tin Pan Alley" just prior to the First World War is the exciting setting for Damon Runyon's "Irish Eyes Are Smiling," the new 20th Century-Fox Technicolor musical, starring Monty Woolley, June Haver and Dick Haymes, and opening today at the Capitol Theatre.

The riotous film tells of the romance of two hot-headed Irish sweethearts, and the flaming melodies that have always topped the nation's hit parade.

Oak Bay, Plaza Present Thriller

Sitting down in a movie scene is almost a luxury for Jon Hall, the actor whose recent films for Universal have been of the action type.

During preliminary rehearsals of scenes for his new picture, Universal's thriller, "The Invisible Man's Revenge," now at the Oak Bay and Plaza theatres, Hall had to play a long scene with

Where To Go Tonight

ATLAS — "The Forest Rangers," starring Fred MacMurray.
CADET — Merle Oberon in "First Comes Courage."
CAPITOL — "Irish Eyes Are Smiling," with June Haver.
DOMINION — "The Man in Grey," starring Jas. Mason.
OAK BAY AND PLAZA — "The Invisible Man," starring Jon Hall.
RIO — "The Purple Heart," starring Dana Andrews.
YORK — "Murder in the Big House," with Fay Emerson.

Gale Sondergaard and Lester Matthews while seated in an over-stuffed chair, Jon just couldn't seem to get going. "I know what's the matter," he explained to Ford Beebe, the film's producer-director. "I'm not used to sitting down. I don't believe I've ever spoken more than three lines while standing still, let alone sitting still."

"Do you want to move around more?" Beebe asked. "Maybe we can change it." "Oh, no," Hal replied, settling back comfortably. "This is something I'd like to get used to, for a change, if you don't mind."

Oberon, Aherne Starring at Cadet

A magnificent love story, told against the flaming background of war, opens today at the Cadet Theatre, for a run of three days. It is "First Comes Courage," a Columbia pictorialization of the best-seller, "The Commandos," by Elliott Arnold. Merle Oberon and Brian Aherne play the leading roles, that of a pair of lovers who must sacrifice their love. They each give delicate and outstanding performances, bringing close to the onlooker's heart the tragic problem of young lovers the world over today.

RIO THEATRE
"The Purple Heart," a tense and gripping story of the most amazing, single exploit of World War II, is now at the Rio Theatre.

The 20th Century-Fox picture, a Darryl F. Zanuck production, directed by Lewis Milestone, features Dana Andrews, Richard Conte, Farley Granger, Kevin O'Shea, Donald Barry, Trudy Marshall and Sam Levene.

A \$900 permit for a retail gasoline service station at 812 Wharf Street was issued by the city building inspector's department Tuesday to the Imperial Oil Co.

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AND WHO BUT MONTY WOOLLEY could be annoyed and react so sardonically to an early morning visit from lovely June Haver? It's all part of the fun-filled shenanigans packed into Damon Runyon's "Irish Eyes Are Smiling," the new 20th Century-Fox Technicolor musical hit which opens today at the Capitol Theatre. Dick Haymes is June's romantic interest in the film produced by Damon Runyon and directed by Gregory Ratoff. Also featured in the brilliant cast are Anthony Quinn, Beverly Whitney and Maxie Rosenbloom.

750,000 Canadian Workers Now Belong To Some Union

By JACK WILLIAMS
Canadian Press Staff Writer

OTTAWA (CP)—Organized labor in Canada, its membership soaring to new heights, this year turned to the postwar period and, through efforts to solidify the position of its unions and the formulation of postwar programs, moved to consolidate its wartime gains.

Throughout the movement there became apparent a determination to gain for labor a more important place in the Canadian structure than it held before the war.

In this effort the unions kept prominently before them an invitation from Reconstruction Minister Howe, extended at the annual convention of the Trades and Labor Congress, for labor to share with government and management the responsibility of rebuilding postwar problems.

Some of labor's wartime gains received formal recognition during the year. The federal labor code, which introduces compulsory collective bargaining, became effective early in the year.

While this is a purely wartime measure, action by a majority of the provinces in making it applicable to all occupations under their jurisdiction has been taken by labor as an indication the principles of the code will outlive the war period.

TREND TOWARD RECOGNITION
Coupled with this has been a tendency by conciliation boards and by employers to give increased recognition to contract clauses which introduce union shop terms which require all employees to join the recognized union within a specified time.

Even wider recognition was gained for the maintenance-of-membership plan through which those employees who belong to the union must continue their membership for life of the agreement.

Such measures as these are being eagerly sought by unions to assure security for the organizations in the postwar period. So extensive has the effort to obtain agreements of this type become that disputes during the year centred more about union status than wages.

The strike record for the first 10 months of 1944 was down 82 per cent from the corresponding period of 1943.

Up to Oct. 31 the time lost this year amounted to 485,924 man-working days. This resulted from 172 strikes in which 74,391

workers were involved. For the same period last year there were 338 strikes involving 165,866 workers with a loss of 855,282 man-working days.

Recent labor department figures placed the membership in Canadian labor organizations at 664,535 at Dec. 31, 1943, which represents an increase of 85 per cent compared with 1939. During 1944 there have been further increases and it now is unofficially estimated that close to 750,000 Canadian workers belong to some union.

With Our Servicemen

Lieut. Kenneth A. Wills, R.C.N. V.R., is spending Christmas leave with his wife and daughter at the Windsor Auto Court. After a term of sea duty he is now instructing at H.M.C.S. Cornwallis, N.S.

Capt. William E. Nicholas, who was killed recently in Holland while fighting with the Gloucestershire Regiment, is a native son of Victoria. Born here 29 years ago, he received his education at Lamson Street School. At the age of 19 he joined the permanent force and went overseas in 1939. Capt. Nicholas returned to Victoria in 1943 to take an officers' course at O.T.C., Gordon Head. Returning to England with the rank of lieutenant he transferred to the Gloucesters in this spring. His younger brother, Lawrence, returned from Italy in ill health last June. Capt. Nicholas was the son of the late Edward B. Nicholas, who also was in the permanent force. He is survived beside his widow and baby son in England, by his mother, Mrs. W. F. Simpson; three brothers, Lawrence in Vancouver; George and John at home; also three sisters, Mrs. J. Cuthbert, Mrs. Don Shaw and Kathleen.

New Oak Bay Sewers Cost Taxpayers \$3,938
Installation of sewer facilities along certain parts of Esplanade and Beach Drive will cost residents \$3,938, payable in 10 annual instalments, according to a by-law to be drafted for Oak Bay municipal council. A special meeting was held Wednesday evening to ratify the special assessment and no opposition was registered by residents.

Total cost of the project will be \$5,626, of which the municipality will pay \$1,687. The special assessment per lot is \$112.53 and is apportioned according to the benefit received. The annual rate per lot is \$13.09 and 13 lots are affected.

C.N. Revenue Down

MONTREAL (CP)—Canadian National Railways today reported net revenue in November at \$5,575,000 compared with \$7,226,000 in the comparable month in 1943, a decrease of \$1,651,000.

Operating revenues decreased \$22,000 at \$36,979,000 and operating expenses increased \$1,629,000 at \$31,404,000. Cumulative net revenue for 11 months ended Nov. 30 decreased \$16,625,000 at \$71,958,000.

All beginners' swimming classes will be canceled next week at the Y.M.C.A. Archie McKinnon said today. They will resume Jan. 2.

City Hall and Public Library will both be closed Boxing Day. The former will finish business at noon Saturday and reopen Wednesday morning at 9, while the library will end its day at 9 Saturday evening and resume activity at 9 Wednesday morning. Special arrangements have been made to let borrowers have twice

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Families Here Welcome War Brides From Britain

Five English wives of Victoria Servicemen arrived in Victoria early this morning, tired after their long journey, but happy to have arrived in time to spend Christmas with their husbands' parents.

Mrs. Jane Grant, wife of Capt. K. D. Grant, who is serving in Holland, and her two children, four-year-old Patricia, and Peter, one-and-a-half, were met by Capt. Grant's parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Grant, 1247 Beach Drive, with whom they will stay. Mrs. Grant was Jane Worden before her marriage in September, 1939, in Preston, Lancashire, where she was a window dresser in a dress shop. Mr. and Mrs. Lance T. Smith,

1205 St. Patrick Street, met Mrs. Maude Gariepy, wife of their son, Pte. W. E. Gariepy, and her small son, Robert, aged one year and nine months. Pte. Gariepy was expected to arrive in Victoria for Christmas, but was hospitalized with malaria, shortly before leaving Italy. Mrs. Gariepy, the former Maude Perry, was married Nov. 7, 1942, in Barton, Sussex, where she was manageress of a dress shop.

Another arrival was Mrs. Barbara Alton, wife of Tpr. Calvin Alton, who was killed in Normandy August 2. Mrs. Alton and her seven-month-old daughter, Mary Diana, will live with Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Alton, 816 Blanshard Street.

Mrs. Joyce Wilson is now at home with her parents-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson, 610 George Road. She married her husband, Sgt. C. A. Wilson, R.C.O.C., in England on April 25, 1941, and they have two small children. Sgt. Wilson is not yet back in Canada, but Mrs. Wilson is hoping to see him home soon with leave for long service.

She found the country very interesting. "Marvelous views," she said. She also praised the treatment given her by Canadians. Mrs. Muriel Wyatt arrived here after her husband, 2nd Lt. A. R. C. Wyatt, who left from overseas some time before her. They were married in Bournemouth on Dec. 19, 1942, and have a five-month-old daughter, Celia Ann.

Mrs. Wyatt said she enjoyed the trip very much. "The houses best," she said, "they look so compact, and sort of meek."

An invitation to attend the Rotary Club luncheon at the Empress Hotel Jan. 4, was on file at the City Hall today for Mayor-elect P. E. George and the 1945 City Council.

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Christmas Leave Thrills After 5 Years Overseas

Advance party of 14 happy Victoria soldiers, with equally happy families at the C.P.R. dock to meet them, arrived home in Victoria today for 30 days well-earned rest and Christmas leave after five long years overseas and on battle fronts.

Bdr. H. N. Hatcher, R.C.A., who went on active service in August, 1939, served in England, France and Belgium, and was up to the Holland border, came home to a real family Christmas with a wife and three young daughters to share it. Joan 12, Barbara 10 and Frances 3. Frances, who was only a three-month-old baby when he left, ran up to him eagerly on his arrival home.

"I've got a wife and three daughters, and am I glad to be home!" I want to do some Christmas shopping," he said at the boat, and dashed away in his brother-in-law's car.

WANTS TO STAY IN CANADA
 Interviewed later in the day, Bdr. Hatcher said he would like to stay in Canada now. He has put in a long time.

"I feel I've done my share," he said, "and I've got my wife and children here." Besides his Canada Volunteer Service ribbon with leaf, is sewn the Canadian Efficiency medal for service in the Non-Permanent Active Militia. On the ribbon is the first clasp. That too represents a long period of service.

"I think Belgium is the best off country in Europe today," he said. "True, there was some starvation," he said, "but one could get any amount of clothing without coupons. Not like England, where rationing is tight, and coupons few. And lots of matches, as many as you wanted to buy. There were cigarettes, of a kind, in Belgium, but they were something like a Mexican cigarette. I never touched the things," he said.

There was also a bumper crop of real silk stockings. For Pte. Ken Piper, P.P.C.L.L., homecoming was not quite as cheerful. His wife has been ill and is in Toronto. However, Christmas will be cheerful. She is flying home on Sunday. In the meantime, Pte. Piper is busy renewing old acquaintances.

HIS WIFE IN ENGLAND

Sgt. W. S. Patterson, R.C.A. S.C., went overseas in January, 1940. One of the first things that worried him on landing this morning, he said, was whether or not he would be able to get back overseas when his leave was up. He got over there pretty well at the beginning and he wants to be sure he will be in there at the finish.

He served in England, France, Belgium and Holland. When asked what he saw over there he answered, "Not very much." "It's a lot worse than some people make it out to be and a lot better than others make it out to be, and that just about sums it up," he grinned.

Going over with the Royal Canadian Artillery he later transferred to the service corps and took up his trade as cook. On the whole, he said, he took more bombing in England than on the other side of the Channel.

He married in England but does not intend his wife to come over here until the war is over, and, anyway, if he gets his wish

to return he will be with her soon again. "I think," he remarked, "I have the distinction of being the only Canadian soldier to go overseas with only seven fingers." He had some difficult times explaining to curious people about those fingers. All wanted to know in what action he had lost them. "I lost one in 1934 and the others in 1938," he grinned.

TRIES ON HIS 'CIVVIES'
 Gnr. L. Foster, R.C.A., who served three years in England with the P.P.C.L.L. and in Italy with his present unit, had little to say when called at his home. He was busy trying on a set of "civvies."

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Li. W. G. Fawcett, who was A.D.C. to General P. L. McNaught, retired, and is now attached to H.Q. 2nd Canadian Corps, is expected home on Sunday. His home is at 269 View Royal.

Sgt. J. L. Rennie, P.P.C.L.L., is coming home on Friday. Capt. C. F. C. McNeill, 1052 Ponderosa Street, has not yet reached Vancouver.

Capt. H. Rickard will reach his home on Friday. Others who are on their way home are: Maj. F. H. Bonnell, Capt. W. Reid, Capt. D. Fraser, Pte. A. Anderson and Lieut. Lormer.

Island Club Dissolved
 Charter of the Island Club, 712 Yates Street, has been canceled, and the club dissolved, Attorney General R. L. Maitland said today, following a cabinet meeting.

Last month several persons were arrested at the Island Club and were later fined for being keepers of common gaming clubs or being found in a common gaming club. Fines totaled \$1,250, and confiscated were \$200 in cash, 570 decks of playing cards, poker chips and slot machines.

The Island Club was incorporated under the Societies Act in 1920, Mr. Maitland said, and on the incorporation papers the aims and objects of the club were given as follows:

"For improvement and development of the mental, social and physical condition of young men,

and for the promotion of literature and science and the fine arts; and the promotion and diffusion of knowledge."

The order-in-council canceling the charter of the Island Club says: "That it is in the public interest that the incorporation of the said society be revoked and canceled, and the said society be declared to be dissolved."

"I've been trying to catch up with proprietary card clubs whose charters were originally issued for bona fide cultural and social pursuits," the Attorney-General said.

Last week the charter of the Brownie Club in Vancouver was canceled and the club dissolved for the same reason, Mr. Maitland said.

The Attorney-General said the time for appeal in the Island Club case expired Wednesday.

Wandering Swan Expected Home

Beacon Hill Park's wandering swan, named Peregrine today by Parks Superintendent Herb Warren, may be back at the park shortly. Food is becoming a problem for the bird which has established a reputation for straying.

Wednesday Mr. Warren saw him in Esquimalt Harbor, near the Six Mile House. "It knows me and backs off when I approach," the park superintendent said. "However, it is getting hungry now and we expect to catch it shortly."

The bird, he said, had been fed by a little girl in the neighborhood. It had taken bread from her hand.

Mr. Warren also reported requests from a woman at Prospect Lake, where the buck deer now in the enclosure was found, to have the animal named Bambi. He has under consideration the idea of naming all the park animals and the larger birds, he said.

4 Victoria Firms Are Incorporated

Four new Victoria firms are among this week's list of companies incorporated under the Companies Act at the Parliament Buildings.

They are: The Priory Guest House Ltd., \$50,000, 729 Pemberton Road, William Lloyd Morgan and Mary Ellen Morgan, directors; Duncan Iron Works Ltd., \$10,000, 148 Government Street, John Young Copeman and Kathleen Alice Collett, directors; Mid-Island Sawmill Co. Ltd., \$50,000, 211 Pemberton Building, Frederick Knight and Charles De Witte Collard, directors; Almee Lloyd (Canada) Ltd., \$10,000, 739 East Street, Louis Hugh Kent, Eng., and Ronald Purkis Watlie, Cobble Hill, directors.

Other new companies are: Harry Ablowitz Realtors Ltd., 10,000 shares N.P.V.; Perfor Manufacturing Co. Ltd., \$100,000; Overseas Commodities Ltd., \$50,000; W. J. Heads Boot Factory Ltd., \$25,000; Export Homes Ltd., \$100,000; Home Funeral Chapel Ltd., \$10,000; Brettell Electric Ltd., \$100,000; Columbia Pine Sales Ltd., \$10,000; MacKinnon Sales and Service Ltd., \$10,000; Utility Finance Ltd., \$50,000; Wyllie Bros. & Co. Ltd., \$10,000; B.C. Plumbing Supplies Ltd., \$10,000, all of Vancouver.

S. P. Steele Ltd., \$10,000, Kamloops; Lillocet Hotels Ltd., \$10,000, Lillocet; Associated Distributors Ltd., \$10,000, New Westminster; Kelowna Motors Ltd., \$25,000, Kelowna.

Yarrows Foremen Receive Awards

Only Canadian shipyard workers to receive the award, Thomas Hadfield, reeve of Esquimalt and foreman machinist in charge of installations at Yarrows Ltd., and Malcolm McDuff, Yarrows plate shop foreman, were presented with Silver Fleet Awards by Norman Yarrow, company president, at a luncheon Wednesday attended by 60 company foremen and department heads.

The award, a miniature submarine in silver, was presented by Mr. Yarrow on behalf of the workers of occupied Holland who made 16 such awards to Canadians outstanding in their war effort. The two recipients had worked on ships which went to the Netherlands government.

Mr. Hadfield has been employed by Yarrows Ltd. since 1921. Mr. McDuff has served 25 years with the firm.

The luncheon was held in the shipyard conference room under the chairmanship of A. Campbell.

Town Topics

The Provincial Museum will be open as usual Sunday, from 1 to 5 p.m., but will be closed on Christmas Day and Boxing Day.

Six motorists paid a total of \$30 in fines in city police court today and two pedestrians were each fined \$1 for walking against traffic lights.

From Stalag 344, Germany, to their families and friends in Canada, 200 Canadian prisoners of war have sent a cable message through the Canadian Red Cross, Canadian Red Cross special Christmas parcels are being distributed to the prisoners, an official of the society said.

Through her counsel, Joseph McKenna, Mrs. M. M. Bird, pleaded guilty to charges of dangerous driving and of driving without a driver's license in city police court today. Magistrate H. C. Hall fined her a total of \$45 and prohibited her from driving for one month.

City police, called at 2 this morning to North Park Street, where, according to their informant, a woman in night attire was being chased by a man, found a fight had occurred between the woman and a sailor, who had been named co-respondent in her divorce case.

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British Admiralty Seeking Senders Of Atlantic Charter

LONDON (CP)—British Admiralty officials dug into their secret files today to determine whether the three British wireless operators who transmitted the historic Atlantic Charter memoranda from the battleship Prince of Wales were living or dead.

The battleship was sunk by Japanese planes off Malaya Dec. 10, 1941. Besides President Roosevelt, Prime Minister Churchill, their aides and a handful of high-ranking naval intelligence officers, wireless operators were the only persons to see the actual series of memoranda signed by the two leaders and known as the Atlantic Charter.

Even if the Admiralty finds that the three British operators survived the sinking of the Prince of Wales, their identities must remain secret, a spokesman said. What the Admiralty sought to determine first was whether the operators were of the regular complement of the battleship or were among the Prime Minister's own radio personnel.

A British naval source said that if there was a copy of the charter memoranda, it would be in the Admiralty archives under a filing head marked "most secret," and that only Mr. Churchill could ask for its release.

Yule Invitations Now Complete

Lists of hostesses in Victoria who will entertain service personnel at Christmas dinner are now complete, Ellen Hart, War Services hospitality committee chairman, said today.

"As always we've had a good response," she said, "barring any changes we have all the invitations we can use."

Among the applications was a request by telegram from an airman at Tofino coming to Victoria on five-day Christmas furlough. Convalescents from Gordon Head centre have already been placed. Navy and air force personnel with girls of the three services are being allotted invitations now.

Shipbuilders' Children At Christmas Party

Five hundred children of Yarrows Ltd. employees were guests at a Christmas party held at the War-time Housing Ltd. commissary on Admirals Road.

A program was directed by a committee of women of the War-time Housing. Mrs. Millan served as master of ceremonies. Each child received a Christmas package from Santa Claus, a role taken by Bill Passmore.

Norman Yarrow, president of the shipbuilding company, extended seasonal greetings.

Mill, House Blazes

A fire caused by a spark in the boiler room did slight damage early today to the Lemon Gonsalon Co. Ltd. sawmill at 2324 Government Street. Three city fire trucks responding to a call at 12:10 extinguished the blaze in half an hour.

At 6:56 Wednesday night city firemen extinguished an attic fire at 1281 Rosalie Road, the dwelling of Miss Marion Black. Some damage was caused to the attic and roof.



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Seasonable Cold Grips Prairies

WINNIPEG (CP)—Manitoba and northern Saskatchewan shivered in below-zero temperatures today in a Yuletide cold weather blitz.

Coldest-spot honors went to Manitoba's thriving fur trapping centre on the Saskatchewan River, The Pas, where thermometers dipped to the 30 below mark.

Moderating temperatures, however, were predicted by the weather man for those areas late tonight.

Other points where citizens took to scarfs and ear muffs were Prince Albert, Sask., and Winnipeg.

Mercuries in the northern Saskatchewan city fell to 26 below, while those in the Manitoba capital dropped to 21.

Lowest reading in Regina during the night was 16 below. Temperatures were mostly above zero at Alberta points. It was 22 above at Edmonton and 16 at Calgary.

More V-Bombs

LONDON (AP)—The Germans continued to batter southern England with V-bombs Tuesday night while pressing their offensive on the western front. A government announcement reported both casualties and damage.

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BIRTHS

CORRIN—To Mr. and Mrs. D. P. Corrin (nee Eva (Babe) Bennett), No. 2, 602 Blenheim St., on Dec. 17, 1944, a son, named David D. Corrin. Birth weight, 10 lbs. 10 oz. Length, 20 in. Head, 14 in. Chest, 14 in. Arms, 14 in. Legs, 14 in. Feet, 14 in. Hands, 14 in. Fingers, 14 in. Toes, 14 in. Birth date, Dec. 17, 1944. Private burial services held.

MARRIAGES

ARMSTRONG—LIT—In Hope Lutheran Church, Dec. 19, 1944, Evelyn Catharine, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Litt of London, Ont., to Sgt. Pilot for the last six years, the late Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Armstrong of Victoria. Rev. W. P. Deering officiated.

DEATHS

HACK—Suddenly at his residence, 427 Johnson Street, there passed away, Albert Hack, aged 71 years, born in England and a resident of Victoria for 56 years.

HARDIE—On Dec. 20, 1944, Miss Marion Hardie, aged 71 years, born in Manchester, England, died in Victoria a great many years.

FILLING—Passed away at the residence on Dec. 19, Elizabeth Filling, aged 56 years, beloved wife of George Filling of 561 Audley Street, St. George's, London, England, who had resided in this city for the last six years.

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Coming Events

DANCING AT THE LEVIE HALL, BROAD ST., NEW YATES, WEDNESDAY, THURSDAY AND SATURDAY, MODERN, 8:30 P.M. CHILDREN'S DANCE EVENING, THURSDAY.

DANCING—BOXING NIGHT, SHIRINE Hall, Watch for list.

FRIDAY PROLOGS

Friday Dance, This Friday, Stan Cross' new 7-piece orchestra. Crystal Garden (lower) Ballroom.

LAKE HILL TEEN CANTER, EVERY Thursday, 7 to 10 p.m., dancing, basketball, various games, refreshments. Admission 10c.

NEW YEARS EVE DANCE—GOLBIN Ballroom, above Oak Bay Hotel, 28 p.m. Best 7-piece orchestra. Crystal Garden (lower) Ballroom.

PUBLIC DANCING A modern dance at Shirine Auditorium, above Oak Bay Hotel, 28 p.m. Best 7-piece orchestra. Crystal Garden (lower) Ballroom.

ST. ANDREW'S AND CALEDONIAN SOCIETY regular meeting, Thursday, Dec. 21, in the Caledonian Hall, 28 p.m. Dance at 8 p.m. Stewart's orchestra. Refreshments. Free will contribution. Tickets 10c.

STEWART'S POPULAR OLD-TIME dance, Wednesday, 8:30 p.m. Chamber of Commerce, 28 p.m. Best 7-piece orchestra. Crystal Garden (lower) Ballroom.

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REAL ESTATE VALUES

Canada Included In New Plan For Pacific Airship Service

By JAMES J. STREIBIG
NEW YORK (AP) — Australian interests were reported today to have made considerable progress in a plan to establish airship service between Australia and Canada or the United States.

The project contemplates the use of two, possibly four, lighter-than-air craft already designed by the Goodyear Aircraft Corporation, with a gas capacity of nearly 10,000,000 cubic feet and a payload of 92 tons on flights of 2,500 miles.

J. Landon Smith, president of Smith Wylie (Australia) Ltd., investment bankers of Sydney and Melbourne, and Conrad F. Hawley, chairman, are understood to have initiated the project in October and to have obtained the support of a widely-known U.S. banking firm after conferring with Goodyear officials.

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Nazis Pushed Back On 125-Mile Front In South Slovakia

MOSCOW (AP) — The Red Army pushed the Germans back on a 125-mile front in southern Slovakia today and battled with battered Slovak garrisons on the outskirts of the strongholds of Kassa and Rimaszombat.

Soviet columns Wednesday night were on three sides of both those heavily-defended southern Slovak towns which control highways and railways connecting with direct routes to Bratislava, Vienna and Prague to the west.

In advances up to five miles, a communique said, the Russians captured 13 towns in a drive aimed at the key citadel of Losonc. Chief of them was Tornala, 13 miles east of Rimaszombat, and a strong point of formidable enemy defences on the east bank of the Sana River.

READY TO ATTACK

Latest reports had Soviet forces preparing a climactic attack on the Torsya River fortifications, two miles outside Kassa.

Front reports said the great battle-raging farther to the west, north of the Danube bend, was going favorably for Red Army troops struggling for other routes westward toward Bratislava and Vienna.

The German high command was reported throwing in large numbers of reserves and new air units in an effort to check the Soviet push, which threatened to split out across the Danube and block escape routes from beleaguered Budapest.

In 41 days, the war bulletin said, the Russian 2nd Ukrainian Army has taken 41,244 prisoners in fighting along the Hungarian-Slovak border.



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TORONTO (CP) — Committees representing stockholders of the Abitibi Pulp and Paper Company have reached an agreement on the securities the 7 per cent shareholders will receive in the reorganized company, it was announced here today.

They will receive five shares of \$20 par value, callable at \$37.50 and carrying cumulative dividends of \$2.50 from Jan. 1, 1945. The committees met here today.

Cold Wave in U.S.

CHICAGO (AP) — The season's coldest weather struck a wide section of the United States today. Sub-zero temperatures prevailed over midwest states. International Falls, Minn., on the Canadian border, was the coldest spot — reporting a low of 19 below — while Duluth, at the head of the Great Lakes, slivered at 16 below.

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TENDERS

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS WESTERN REGION

SEALED TENDERS will be received at the office of the Chief Engineer, Winnipeg, Manitoba, until 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, January 10th, 1945, for the construction of a permanent bridge at mileage 121-2, in the Subdivision, near Thunder Bay, B.C.

Plans, specifications and form of contract may be seen and form of tender obtained at the office of the Chief Engineer, Winnipeg, Manitoba, District Engineer at Edmonton, Alberta, and District Engineer at Calgary and Vancouver, B.C.

Tenders will not be considered unless made on form supplied by the railway company and accompanied by an accepted cheque drawn on a chartered bank in Canada in full of the bid. The successful bidder will be required to furnish a bond to the railway company to the value of five per cent of the total amount of the tender.

No bid bonds will be accepted with tenders on this work.

The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

W. R. DEVENISH, Vice-president.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, December 19th, 1944.

Land Registry Act

IN THE MATTER OF lots 404 and 406 in Block 28 of Section 4, Victoria District, Plan 28.

PROOF having been filed in my office of the loss of Certificate of Title No. 9248-1 to the above-mentioned land, in the name of Inder Singh, and bearing the date of 22nd February, 1924.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE of my intention, at the expiration of one calendar month from the date of publication hereof, to issue to the said Inder Singh a Provisional Certificate of Indefeasible Title in lieu of such lost Certificate.

ANY PERSON having any information with reference to the loss of Certificate of Title is requested to communicate with the undersigned.

DATED this 15th day of November, 1944, at the Land Registry Office, Victoria, British Columbia.

R. N. C. HEMMERLO, Deputy Registrar.

Victoria Land Registration District.

Winter Starts Reign At Exactly 4.15 p.m.

King Winter officially begins his reign here at exactly 4.15 this afternoon, according to the Dominion meteorological station, but the forecast remains "partly cloudy and mild."

Today is also the shortest day in the year, with only eight hours and 17 minutes of daylight. Although the hours of daylight will begin lengthening immediately, it will be only a few seconds each day, so it will be some weeks before those who have to be on the job before 9 in the morning will escape the illusion of turning out in the middle of the night and stumbling down dark streets to their bus stops.

Attempt Salvage

HEADQUARTERS, ALASKAN DEPARTMENT (AP) — Army authorities said today no lives were lost when a storm forced abandonment of a U.S. Army supply ship of 3,700 tons off Cold Bay, Alaska, Dec. 15. Efforts to salvage the vessel are being made.

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Unwilling to risk city supplies in case severe weather developed, the city fuel committee last week declined a request from Washington State for 1,500 cords of wood from the city stockpile. Ald. W. L. Morgan, fuel committee chairman, announced Tuesday.

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Two bath-rooms, one with tiled floor. Pembroke bath and shower. Automatic heat. Extra large living-room, fireplace, oak floor. Full-sized dining-room. Cabinet kitchen, wired for electric range. Two bedrooms. Concealed stairway to two nice bedrooms up. Full cement basement, garage and piped furnace. This is nicely situated and a good home, clear title. Terms could be arranged for responsible party.

OAK BAY—Smart bungalow

Five large rooms, large living-room with nice fireplace, oak floor, dining-room. Nice bright kitchen. Pembroke bath and shower. Two large bedrooms. Basement, laundry tubs, piped furnace. Separate garage, good possession.

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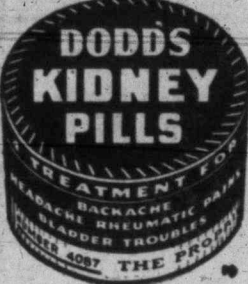
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Britain Turns Back Rule to Selassie

LONDON (CP)—Britain has turned back to the jurisdiction of Haile Selassie large areas of Ethiopia previously administered by British military authorities, Foreign Secretary Eden said today in outlining a new British-Ethiopian agreement.

Nubbins Ready for Santa's 2nd Visit



Forrester "Nubbins" Hoffman who celebrated Christmas several weeks ago when doctors feared he wouldn't live until Dec. 25, is shown here with his mother, Mrs. Marshall Hoffman, in Mercy Hospital, Denver, after a successful operation for a kidney ailment. Nubbins left the hospital Tuesday for his home at Cheyenne, Wyo., where he will celebrate his real Christmas.

Hospital Shelled; Canadian Doctor Continues Operation

WITH THE CANADIANS ON THE ADRIATIC (CP)—Not even a German shell which crashed into a field hospital prevented Maj. Art Morton of Montreal from completing an operation on a man wounded in the Naviglio bridgehead fighting.

The medical officer merely pulled a sheet over the open wound, had the operating table wheeled to another room and resumed his work after changing his garments.

The shell from a 155-mm. gun crashed through the roof and into a ward of the hospital.

The shell went through a ward where Nursing Sister Edna Hopper and Pte. Bob McFadden of Winnipeg and Vancouver, B.C., were tending patients.

Maj. Morton's patient is recovering.

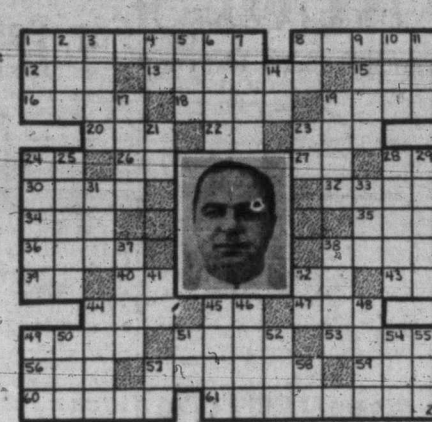
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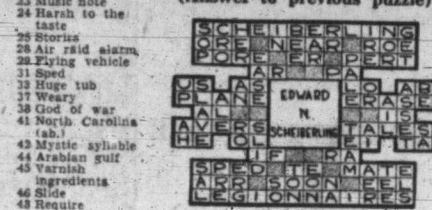
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- 11 Designation
- 12 Paid notice
- 13 Spain (ab.)
- 14 Wicked
- 15 Note in Guido's scale
- 16 Brazilian macaw
- 17 Lease
- 18 Solar disk
- 19 Measure of distance (ab.)
- 20 Whirl
- 21 Compass point
- 22 Circle part
- 23 Lone Scout (ab.)
- 24 He played important parts in Balinese and Namer
- 25 Ponce
- 26 Pail
- 27 Denomination
- 28 Mineral rock
- 29 He also commanded amphibious operations at
- 30 Age
- 31 Hangs as if balanced
- 32 Trillium

VERTICAL

- 1 Head cover
- 2 Moral
- 3 Close to
- 4 Giant king of Babylon
- 5 Lady Lister in Arts (ab.)
- 6 Sweet recreation
- 7 Sweet potatoes
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(Answer to previous puzzle)



Libel Action Opened Against Newspaper By 16 in Toronto

TORONTO (CP)—A special assize court jury today began hearing of a libel action for unstated damages brought by 16 C.C.F. candidates in Toronto's last municipal election against the Globe Printing Company, George McCullagh, publisher of the Toronto Globe and Mail, and M. A. Sanderson and his firm, Reliable Extentors, Ltd.

J. R. Cartwright, counsel for the plaintiffs, told the jury an advertisement inserted in the Globe and Mail by Sanderson called the plaintiffs "Communists at a time when to be one made one liable to be given a year's imprisonment."

Russell Gee, one of the plaintiffs, denied the C.C.F. is Communist-controlled or controlled by the Congress of Industrial Organizations.

In a previous action against the

Toronto Evening Telegram and Sanderson and his firm the same plaintiffs were awarded contemptuous damages of \$1 each by a jury which returned a verdict of libel with malice. The advertisement in the Telegram was similar to that which appeared in the Globe and Mail.

Uncle Ray

BOHEMIAN KING BECAME HERO OF SONG WRITTEN BY ENGLISH CLERGYMAN

Among the many Christmas songs, there is one known as "Good King Wenceslaus." This song, or carol, is popular with English children, who almost always sing it as they march in groups from house to house at Christmas time.

Wenceslaus is looked upon as a saint. He was a Bohemian, and died a little more than 1,000 years ago. Four other kings named Wenceslaus ruled Bohemia during later centuries.



According to legend Wenceslaus gave his cloak to an old man.

Of the true history of Good King Wenceslaus, only a little is known. He ruled Bohemia for several years, and adopted the Christian faith. We are told that many of his people did not want to become Christians, and that he was at length murdered.

A legend has grown up that King Wenceslaus, on a winter's day, saw an old man who was ill clothed and shivered in the cold. Taking off his warm cloak, the king handed it to the old man as a gift.

The song, "Good King Wenceslaus," was written by a British clergyman, John Mason Neale, about a century ago.

Another old Christmas song was made up in England about 400 years ago. It speaks of "Thrice welcome Christmas which brings in good cheer, minced pies and plum porridge, with pig, goose and capon."

Minced pies and plum pudding still hold their place at Christmas dinner in England, but during the past century the turkey has become the favorite fowl eaten on this festive day. Turkeys are birds of the New World, but they have found a place in the barnyards of many farmers in Europe. As a result of the war, the majority of people in Europe will not feast very much this year.

Even in time of peace, however, the turkey is far from being the common "Christmas dish" in Europe. In Norway and Sweden, the people usually feast on roast pork or goose, or both. Sometimes a roast pig, with a red apple in its mouth, is the chief object on the Christmas dinner table.

In Denmark the goose is served most commonly, and the same is true in Bulgaria. In France people like to feast on truffled turkey, goose livers, oysters, lobsters, snails and frog's legs.

(For general interest section of your scrapbook.)

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Out Our Way



BORN THIRTY YEARS TOO SOON.

Right Around Home



Wash Tubbs



Mr. and Mrs.



Boots and Her Buddies



Freckles and His Friends



Alley Oop



First catch his eye and then his heart,
With shining hair—so smooth and smart!
No other shampoo
leaves your hair so lustrous, yet so easy to manage!



Only Drene with Hair Conditioner reveals up to 33% more lustre than soap... yet leaves hair so easy to arrange, so alluringly smooth!

Does your hair look dull, slightly mossy?

No wonder—if you're washing it with cake soap or liquid soap shampoo! Because soap of any sort leaves a soap film which dulls lustre, robs your hair of glamour! Change to Drene Shampoo with Hair Conditioner! Drene never leaves any-falling film. That's why it reveals up to 33% more lustre!

Does your hair-do require constant fiddling?

Men don't like this business of running a comb through your hair in public! Fix your hair so it stays put! And remember Drene with Hair Conditioner leaves hair wonderfully easy to manage, right after shampooing! No other shampoo leaves hair so lustrous, yet so easy to arrange!

Sssssshhh! But have you dandruff?

Too many girls have! And what a pity. For unsightly dandruff can be easily controlled if you shampoo regularly with Drene. Drene with Hair Conditioner removes every trace of embarrassing dandruff the very first time you use it!



\$1,100 Liquor Fine

TORONTO (CP)—George Diamond, was fined \$1,100 and costs or six months when he was convicted in police court today on one charge of illegal possession

of liquor and 10 charges of having illegal liquor permits. At the request of the Crown 66 other charges laid under the Liquor Control Act of Ontario were withdrawn. Diamond said he took to

selling liquor to raise \$1,000 he needed to pay for an operation on his wife's eye. "I'm glad I'm caught," he said. "It's a load off my mind." He was fined \$100 on each of the 11 charges.

Sweden will import less foreign merchandise after the war than in prewar days because the war forced the establishment of many industries formerly non-existent in that country.

WINDSOR SALT
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Make 'em Tasty!

Bring out the full zest of all fine foods with Windsor Salt—famous over 50 years. Plain or Iodized.

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Ensures Baking Success

Organized Labor Asks Amendments To Statutes

B.C. Federation of Labor (C.C.L.), in an interview Wednesday with Premier John Hart and members of the coalition cabinet, asked the government to:

1. Amend the Workmen's Compensation Act.
2. Impose strict penalties on employers for "unfair labor practices."
3. Urge Ottawa to immediately enact a health insurance plan.
4. Eliminate exceptions allowed under minimum hours and wages acts.
5. Cover all B.C. workers with a minimum of one week's vacation a year with pay, after a year's service.
6. Establish day nurseries for the children of workers.
7. Enfranchise 18, 19 and 20-year-olds.
8. Start an immediate housing program, in co-operation with Ottawa.
9. Give free hospitalization for maternity patients.
10. Take immediate steps to take over the B.C. Electric and administer and develop the company in the interests of the public.
11. Extend principle of free education in field of technical training and higher education.

Request for amendments to the Workmen's Compensation Act was divided as follows:

1. Blanket coverage for all industries, as well as all injuries and industrial diseases, including hernia.
2. Increase of compensation to a minimum payment of \$20 a week.
3. Increase in compensation for dependent children to \$20 a month.
4. In cases of partial recovery, injured worker to be guaranteed full compensation payments until satisfactory employment is found by the compensation board.

WANT BUILDERS' GROUP
Re-establishment of a local building trades council was recommended by the electrical workers, who also suggested two canvassers be appointed to contact industries here with a view to raising funds for the civic arena. H. Rowland and H. Duncan were asked to draft a program of action for submission to the arena committee.

A report by J. B. Salberg at the second annual convention of the L.P.P., published in the Pacific Advocate, to the effect the party had organized 140,000 workers in the trade union movement in B.C., brought criticism from the council. Union members failed to see how any political party had organized trades unions in the province, and condemned infiltration of political interests into organized labor.

A letter to Mr. Salberg will demand an explanation of his alleged statements.

BASEBALL DIVIDEND
ST. LOUIS (AP)—The board of directors of St. Louis Cardinals Wednesday voted a \$3 dividend to the club's 130 stockholders.

The dividend payment will total \$30,450 on the 10,152 share of stock, approximately 75 per cent of which is held by president Sam Breadon.

Dealing with safety regulations in industry, the delegation asked further grants in aid of safety, and said "we commend the government and, in particular, the Minister of Labor for steps that have been taken to improve safety work, but we feel that much more can be accomplished under once consolidated department, with adequate safety personnel and necessary funds, which would bring immediate re-

turns in accident prevention. We feel the present number of personnel allowed for this vitally important work is hopelessly inadequate, and that this should be corrected at the earliest possible time."

Cecil Tice Dies, Loss to Farmers



CECIL TICE

Cecil Tice, 51, field crops commissioner for the provincial government's Department of Agriculture died Wednesday afternoon outside his office at the Parliament Buildings.

Dr. J. S. Cull was called from the nearby provincial health offices, but Mr. Tice died before he reached Royal Jubilee Hospital.

Born in Surrey, Eng., Mr. Tice came to Canada as a young man. He graduated from Ontario Agricultural College with a B.S.A. degree in 1919 and came west to British Columbia, joining the Department of Agriculture that year.

Mr. Tice had become one of the most popular officials of the agriculture department. He traveled widely throughout the province and did a great deal to encourage farmers in the growing of field crops. His advice was eagerly sought and willingly given.

He specialized in potato growing and encouraged farmers—particularly the young people—to improve their certified stock and show their wares at fall fairs.

J. B. Munro, deputy minister of agriculture, paid this tribute to Mr. Tice and his work: "A great deal of British Columbia agricultural prosperity can be attributed to his work."

Mr. Tice for many years had been a prominent member of the congregation of St. John's Church and an ardent worker for many of its organizations.

Mr. Tice leaves his wife at the family residence, 170 Beach Drive; a sister, Mrs. F. A. Jackman in Victoria and a brother in the United States.

Fruit Growers Plan Annual Convention
B.C. Fruit Growers' Association will hold its 56th annual convention in Kelowna, Jan. 23-25 next.

Cultural methods designed to produce the highest quality of tree fruits will be introduced into the discussion, and a notable contributor will be W. A. Luce of the U.S. Government horticultural extension service, Yakima, Wash.

Among the speakers will be Attorney-General R. L. Maitland, who will give the main address at the Kelowna Board of Trade banquet, Jan. 23, and Agriculture Minister K. C. MacDonald.

THIS WAR—FOUR YEARS AGO
Dec. 21, 1940—British Air Ministry announced at least 14 Italian planes destroyed in first 12 days of north-African offensive; 13 R.A.F. planes lost, but five pilots saved. British bombers raided Brindisi, Italy.

They'll Do It Every Time
"Just tell him 'Porky'! I think he'll see me—"

"Oh, Mr. Snubber—there's a-A-Gentleman here to put the bite on his nibs—"

"It's a case of the black sheep making a goat out of our office social lion—"

"He's the skeleton in the well-stocked snubber closet, eh? The way the boss talks I thought his family was Lacey Hanky—"

"Porky's got a system. The worse he looks the more snubber will pay him to stay away—"

BROTHERLY LOVE BY THE TOUCH AND GO METHOD THEY'LL DO IT EVERY TIME.

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Official Greetings Tempered By News War Not Over Yet

British Columbia's first citizens, the Lieutenant-Governor and the Premier, and the first citizen of Victoria, today issued Christmas greetings to the people, warning them the war is by no means over and that celebrations at this time should be tempered with the sobering thought that a long, hard way lies ahead.

The messages, from Lieutenant-Governor W. C. Woodward, who will spend Christmas at his Vancouver home, but will be at Government House for New Year's, Premier John Hart and Mayor Andrew McGavin follow:

Lieutenant-Governor Woodward
"Many of us have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round—apart from the veneration due to its name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time, a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time."

"And, if we were to fancy a wholly Christianized world, redeemed from the atrocities of heathenish war, it would be a world inspired by the spirit of Christmas—a bright, friendly, beneficent, generous, sympathetic, mutually helpful world."

"That should be our world. That, indeed, is the world for which Canada's sons are fighting. Britain's sons, America's sons. The sons of all the United Nations. Fighting for peace on earth, good will toward men; a wholly Christianized world."

"In our preparation for the celebration of Christmas and the New Year let us remember that for countless thousands, in other lands, slavery, starvation and incredible misery has supplanted the 'Universal Joy of Christmas' and that the fight will not be won until the bellies of all Christendom roll along the unbroken song of peace on earth, good will to men."

"I think we all realize that the effort is still to be made. But I am confident that you will readily accept all necessary restrictions and cheerfully sacrifice to the maximum of your ability to assure the success of the final effort."

TO THE PEOPLE OF BRITISH COLUMBIA AND TO THOSE OF OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN THE SERVICES, I SEND SINCERE CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND THE NEW YEAR WISH THAT 1945 WILL USHER IN SPEEDY AND COMPLETE VICTORY.

MAYOR ANDREW MCGAVIN
"It gives me pleasure to extend my best wishes for this Christmas season to the citizens of Greater Victoria, to our boys and girls, too, overseas and those who may be with us for this annual holiday."

"We all hoped that the war in Europe might have been over by this time which would have made a better Christmas for a great many people, but, unfortunately, this wasn't to be."

"To all who are in sorrow for the loss of those near and dear to them, I extend my sincere sympathy, and trust this Christmas tide will bring some small measure of comfort and a renewal of hope for the future."

PREMIER JOHN HART
"Our hopes and aspirations for the men and women serving overseas have been that they would, this Christmas, rejoice those nearest and dearest to them around their own firesides. However, the exigencies of war have once again prevented this."

"It is extremely difficult to express appropriate Christmas greetings when there are so many who have been absent from home for so long. Our thoughts go out more particularly to those to whom Christmas will bring only hardship and danger and to those whose homes are bereaved by the loss of loved ones."

"I can only express the sincere hope that hostilities will have ceased before another celebration of the Nativity is observed. To those in the various fields of active service, I would have them know they are ever present in our thoughts and we plan for the years to come that their efforts may not have been in vain."

"To those at home, I urge they dedicate themselves with even greater earnestness to the responsibilities close at hand; that they act with determination to see nothing is left undone that will bring solace to the sorrowing and hope to those who return from overseas after so long an absence and very unsettling experiences."

"To one and all, I wish the most pleasant Christmas the circumstances will permit and once again express the sincere wish that Christmas, 1945, will see the nations of the world at peace."

Shriners Crippled Children Honored

L. H. Rawlings of this city, representative for British Columbia and the Canadian Yukon Shriners' Hospital Board for Crippled Children, announces that the Christmas night "Vox Pop" radio program will be dedicated at 9:30 to the Shriners' hospitals for crippled children.

The broadcast will originate in one of the wards of the Philadelphia hospital and will be the focal point of a continent-wide Christmas party for children in Shriners' hospitals.

Every child in the 15 Shriners' hospitals will receive individual Christmas presents, and a Santa Claus and a clown will be provided.

The first Shriners' hospital was opened in September, 1922. Of the 15 fully equipped hospitals,

12 in the U.S.A., two in Canada and one in Hawaii.

Eighty-five thousand crippled children, including many from B.C., have been entirely cured or materially helped. Only children under 14 and of parents unable to pay for treatment are admitted, regardless of race, color or religion. The average cost per patient is \$288.86. A total of \$31,000,000 has been spent on these hospitals and the treatment of the patients.

Gizeh Temple, A.A.O.N.M.S., covers the jurisdiction of British Columbia and the Yukon, and has 153 permanent contributing life members to the Shriners' Hospital Fund.

In addition to caring for that type of case, the office also administers and assists mothers' allowance and old age pensioners. Of the former there have been an average of slightly over 50 with over 91 dependents listed each month as well as 1,075 aged. The latter number is growing as longevity increases.

Figures today, however, fall far short of the peak unemployment relief days of February, 1933, when 1,798 cases and 3,042 dependents received an average of \$33,302 a month.

Social Assistance Cases Increasing
Declining employment opportunities are reflected in social assistance case increases at the City Welfare Office, according to a compilation made today by E. G. Snowden, social welfare officer.

The average number of cases receiving assistance during the first 10 months of the year stands

at 440 against a monthly average of 432 for the whole of last year. Costs, despite the increase, are down slightly the monthly average for 1944 being \$10,383.41 against \$10,899.66 last year.

Virtually all receiving social assistance are unemployable to the extent they are unable to accept anything but light work. During the height of the labor scarcity, more with partial disabilities were employed than now, Mr. Snowden explained. They are classed as unemployables, he said, when Selective Service can find no work of a light nature which they are physically able to do.

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FRIDAY GIFT SPECIALS

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GENUINE BONNY BROOK SWEATERS

We are delighted to be able to show a selection of these lovely sweaters for the last days of Xmas shopping. But remember, Store opens at 9 a.m. One to a Customer.

Sizes 1, 2 and 3; with an extra pair of pants... \$1.50

Sizes 2 and 4 in one piece... \$1

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Select from the largest variety in the city. If it's a gift and you pick the wrong size we'll make it right.

1661 DOUGLAS



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SPECIAL COMPACTS Regular \$4.00, for... \$2.98

SLIPPERS

THE IDEAL GIFT FOR THE FAMILY CIRCLE
Give them all a pair of "Kosy" Slippers and watch the smiles on Christmas morning.



STEWARTS

have the greatest variety ever stocked under our roof and we can fit everyone from "Grandma" to the "Baby" in the swellest, most colorful, styles and patterns. This year they're definitely nicer than ever before.

Kiddies'
Priced for down to 85¢

200 PAIRS JUST ARRIVED
Ladies' in 12 different styles, all the latest. Sizes 3-8, at, per pair \$1.95

45 PAIRS ONLY
Men's
Soft padded cushion lined Everetts. Sizes 6-11 \$1.95

Make This A Slipper Christmas

Motor Boot Spats
Black velvet real fur trimmed. All sizes \$2.89

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Made with **BOVRIL**

BOVRIL LEFTOVER MEAT LOAF

3 1/2 cups ground leftover meat (beef or veal)
1 medium onion chopped very fine
1/2 tsp. salt, pepper
1 egg

1 cup bread crumbs
1 cup hot water or vegetable stock
1 tbsp. Bovril or Bovril Condensed
10 mins.

Boil egg, add salt and pepper and bread crumbs. Add Bovril to hot water or vegetable stock and stir in beaten egg. Add meat and onion and mix well. Put in well-greased loaf pan and bake in moderate oven (350 degrees) for one hour. Remove loaf from pan and garnish with tomato slices and parsley, or strips of crisp bacon.

NOTE—Leftover vegetables, such as peas, carrots and tomatoes may be mixed with the meat.

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Yachima in Music-CJVI.
Jack Armstrong-KJR.
Voice of Victory-CBR.
Tun Mus-KOL.
Metropolitan-Middle-KOMO.
Squashers-CWV.
Brady With News-KIRO, 5.45
Elmer Peterson-KOMO, 5.45.6.00 News-CJVR, CJVI.
About and Cautious-KOMO.
Major News-KIRO.
Coca-Cola-KJR.
Gabriel Heiser-KOL.6.30 Fighting Navy-CBR.
Toucan's Song-CJVI.
Canadian Cavalade-KOMO.
Raymond Gramling-KJR.
Bob Burns-KOMO.
New-CWV.
Sportsman's Club-KJR.
Corset Storyteller-KJR, 6.557.00 News-CBR.
About and Cautious-KOMO.
Light Up and Listen-CJVI.
Hats of the Week-CWV.
The First Line-KIRO.
Henry Gladstone-KOL.
Loren Thomas-KOL, 7.15.
Carl Olson-KJR, 7.15.
Remembrance Day-CBR, 7.157.30 News-KIRO, KIRO, KPO.
Roland Todd's Own-CBR.
March of Time-KJR.
Red Rider-KOL.
Drew Shaw-KOMO.
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CJVI

Tonight's Highlights

6.30-Canadian Cavalade
7.00-Light Up and Listen
8.00-Little Red Schoolhouse
8.30-Now It Can Be Told
9.00-Bigly Program
9.45-Serenade in Rhythm

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One Woman's Day... New York Stocks

By NANCY HODGES

HEROIC PADRES

IN A CHRISTMAS LETTER written to his mother from Holland, and which was shown to me the other day, a Victoria gunner wrote:

"As you know, mum, I'm not what you'd call a religious guy. But I've got to hand it to our padre. He's certainly got guts. He goes around with all hell let loose, cheering the chaps up and helping the wounded... and he doesn't dish it out with a holier-than-thou attitude, either. He's sure helped me more than a tight spot."

I suppose chaplains vary as much as ordinary individuals in their reactions to moments of great danger, for after all they are only human beings.

But the very nature of their chosen vocation puts them on a pedestal and subjects them to more critical scrutiny than men in other callings.

That is why the job of the chaplain with the fighting forces must be a particularly exacting one.

TRIES MEN'S BELIEFS

FOR first essential to success with his assured "flock" is that he must be a man, and a chaplain second.

Warfare brings out traits unsuspected in private lives. The best-living and most religious men find it hard to reconcile their beliefs with its horrors.

Under the stress of battle "tough guys," who never gave a thought to religion will turn to it for comfort—not always, perhaps, with permanent results.

So the chaplain who can meet these varying types on a common ground, while sharing a common danger, has gone far to earn respect not only for himself but for what he represents.

NOT THROUGH YOURS

GEORGE BERNARD SHAW, in one of his books, has this to say about preachers:

"Religion is a great force—the only real motive in the world—but what you fellows don't understand is that you must get a man through his own religion, not through yours."

But in the face of death, creeds and denominationalism lose their significance. That elemental truth is brought home

with much force by an item I have just seen in an American paper.

It records the awarding of posthumous decorations to four U.S. Army chaplains. The presentation took place at a moving little ceremony Tuesday of this week at Fort Myers, Va., the next-of-kin receiving the medals.

HEROES OF ALL FAITHS

TWO of the chaplains were Protestants, one a Roman Catholic and one a Jew. All were first lieutenants in the U.S. chaplain service.

And all were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for surrendering their lives to the sacrifice of their own lives.

The chaplains were on the troop transport Ss. Dorchester when it was torpedoed off Greenland early in 1943.

With difficulty they made their way on deck and began circulating among the troops, and in the words of the War Department:

"...encouraging the men, praying with them and assisting them into lifeboats and jetties."

Survivors of the disaster credit the padres with saving many lives by their success in persuading confused men not to plunge overboard.

GAVE THEIR OWN LIFELIFTS

WHILE many recalled that, after having helped in the distribution of lifebelts, each removed his own priceless lifejacket and gave it to another man. The War Department citation goes on:

"The ship was sinking by the bow when men in the water and in lifeboats saw the chaplains risk arms and take their own lives in prayer. They were still on the deck together, praying, when the stricken ship made her final plunge."

The heroism and devotion of these men must have inspired and strengthened men of all faiths everywhere.

The churches must be proud that such men carried their banners into this war, for the manner of their dying proved their belief in what they had preached.

And it seems to me peculiarly fitting that the decoration awarded to this group of heroes—Protestants, Catholic and Jew—should have been in the form of a cross—the symbol common to all their faiths.

Reject Discussion On Ward Abolition

A motion to make discussion of abolition of the ward system in Saanich the first item on the agenda for the incoming Saanich council, made by Councillor Robert Noble at this year's final council meeting held Wednesday evening, was defeated when only Councillor K. W. Richmond, who is retiring this year, supported Councillor Noble.

Approval of public ownership of electric power was voiced by the council, but further action was tabled pending official word from the Intermunicipal committee dealing with the acquisition of assets of the B.C. Electric Railway Company Ltd.

The approval followed a report by Councillor J. L. Hobbs on a meeting of 31 municipalities at Vancouver last Saturday, which he attended. The provincial government showed interest in the acquisition of the power, but preferred the municipalities take over transportation, he said.

Reeve F. C. Warren commented "I think everyone is becoming public-ownership conscious and here is an opportunity to bring it in."

Final readings were given by Saanich School Loan By-law; Milk Regulation By-law, and George Bridge Regulation By-law. First reading was given to Properties Acquisition By-law.

The council approved meeting requirements of the S.P.C.A. when that society sent a letter criticizing conditions in the Saanich pound. Roy M. Lamont was compensated for the loss of five turkeys killed by dogs by a grant of \$3 each.

BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVES The council accepted notification of certification of bargaining representatives for Saanich Municipal Employees' Association and recognized the following as bargaining agents: W. Black, D. R. McAdams, R. H. Wooten, Miss H. F. Elliott, Miss F. Tatham, R. Williams, Charles Grant, and H. W. Greene.

Vancouver Island Coach Lines Ltd. advised the council that Cordova Bay would have a revised schedule, which would include an additional round trip.

A request by Rev. Frederick Pike, St. Luke's Church, for permission to extend St. Luke's Cemetery to the Glebe land opposite the church, was tabled for the incoming council. J. L. Hobbs noted a remark by Mr. Pike in reference to eventual pulling down of the church and said he would not like to see such a thing happen as the old church had become a landmark in the municipality. So far as he knew, he said, it was the first Anglican church erected in the district.

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A motion to make discussion of abolition of the ward system in Saanich the first item on the agenda for the incoming Saanich council, made by Councillor Robert Noble at this year's final council meeting held Wednesday evening, was defeated when only Councillor K. W. Richmond, who is retiring this year, supported Councillor Noble.

Approval of public ownership of electric power was voiced by the council, but further action was tabled pending official word from the Intermunicipal committee dealing with the acquisition of assets of the B.C. Electric Railway Company Ltd.

The approval followed a report by Councillor J. L. Hobbs on a meeting of 31 municipalities at Vancouver last Saturday, which he attended. The provincial government showed interest in the acquisition of the power, but preferred the municipalities take over transportation, he said.

Reeve F. C. Warren commented "I think everyone is becoming public-ownership conscious and here is an opportunity to bring it in."

Final readings were given by Saanich School Loan By-law; Milk Regulation By-law, and George Bridge Regulation By-law. First reading was given to Properties Acquisition By-law.

The council approved meeting requirements of the S.P.C.A. when that society sent a letter criticizing conditions in the Saanich pound. Roy M. Lamont was compensated for the loss of five turkeys killed by dogs by a grant of \$3 each.

BARGAINING REPRESENTATIVES The council accepted notification of certification of bargaining representatives for Saanich Municipal Employees' Association and recognized the following as bargaining agents: W. Black, D. R. McAdams, R. H. Wooten, Miss H. F. Elliott, Miss F. Tatham, R. Williams, Charles Grant, and H. W. Greene.

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It records the awarding of posthumous decorations to four U.S. Army chaplains. The presentation took place at a moving little ceremony Tuesday of this week at Fort Myers, Va., the next-of-kin receiving the medals.

HEROES OF ALL FAITHS TWO of the chaplains were Protestants, one a Roman Catholic and one a Jew. All were first lieutenants in the U.S. chaplain service.

And all were awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for surrendering their lives to the sacrifice of their own lives.

The chaplains were on the troop transport Ss. Dorchester when it was torpedoed off Greenland early in 1943.

With difficulty they made their way on deck and began circulating among the troops, and in the words of the War Department:

"...encouraging the men, praying with them and assisting them into lifeboats and jetties."

Survivors of the disaster credit the padres with saving many lives by their success in persuading confused men not to plunge overboard.

GAVE THEIR OWN LIFELIFTS WHILE many recalled that, after having helped in the distribution of lifebelts, each removed his own priceless lifejacket and gave it to another man. The War Department citation goes on:

"The ship was sinking by the bow when men in the water and in lifeboats saw the chaplains risk arms and take their own lives in prayer. They were still on the deck together, praying, when the stricken ship made her final plunge."

The heroism and devotion of these men must have inspired and strengthened men of all faiths everywhere.

The churches must be proud that such men carried their banners into this war, for the manner of their dying proved their belief in what they had preached.

And it seems to me peculiarly fitting that the decoration awarded to this group of heroes—Protestants, Catholic and Jew—should have been in the form of a cross—the symbol common to all their faiths.

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Trading Dull

TORONTO (CP) — Stocks registered a modest comeback today after dragging through two or three sessions on the more depressing war news and Christmas realization. The index gains were narrow and trading was dull on the upturn.

Toronto Index:
30 Industrials 130.18, up 0.04
20 Golds 105.63, up 0.09
15 Western Oils 26.94, up 0.03
Total sales 337,900.NEW ISSUE:
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Grain

WINNIPEG (CP) — Lire was credited with taking 250,000 bushels of No. 2 northern wheat today on the Winnipeg grain exchange. In other export dealings small quantities were purchased for relief purposes in Greece.

CHICAGO (AP) — Urgent short covering in preparation for the close of trading today in December grain futures strengthened the current contracts today and prices rose sharply. The deferred deliveries were higher—most of the session but eased back near the close.

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